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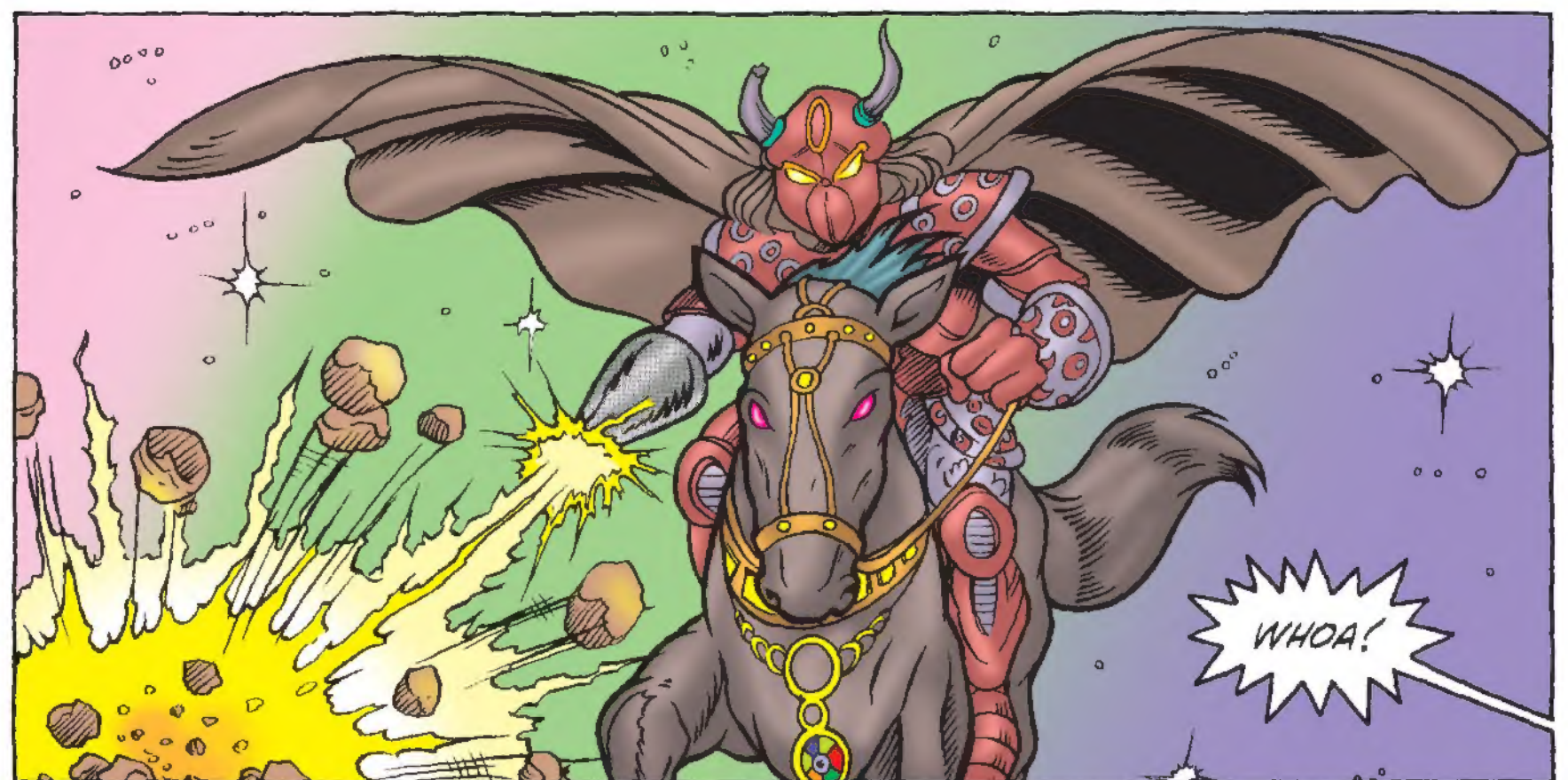
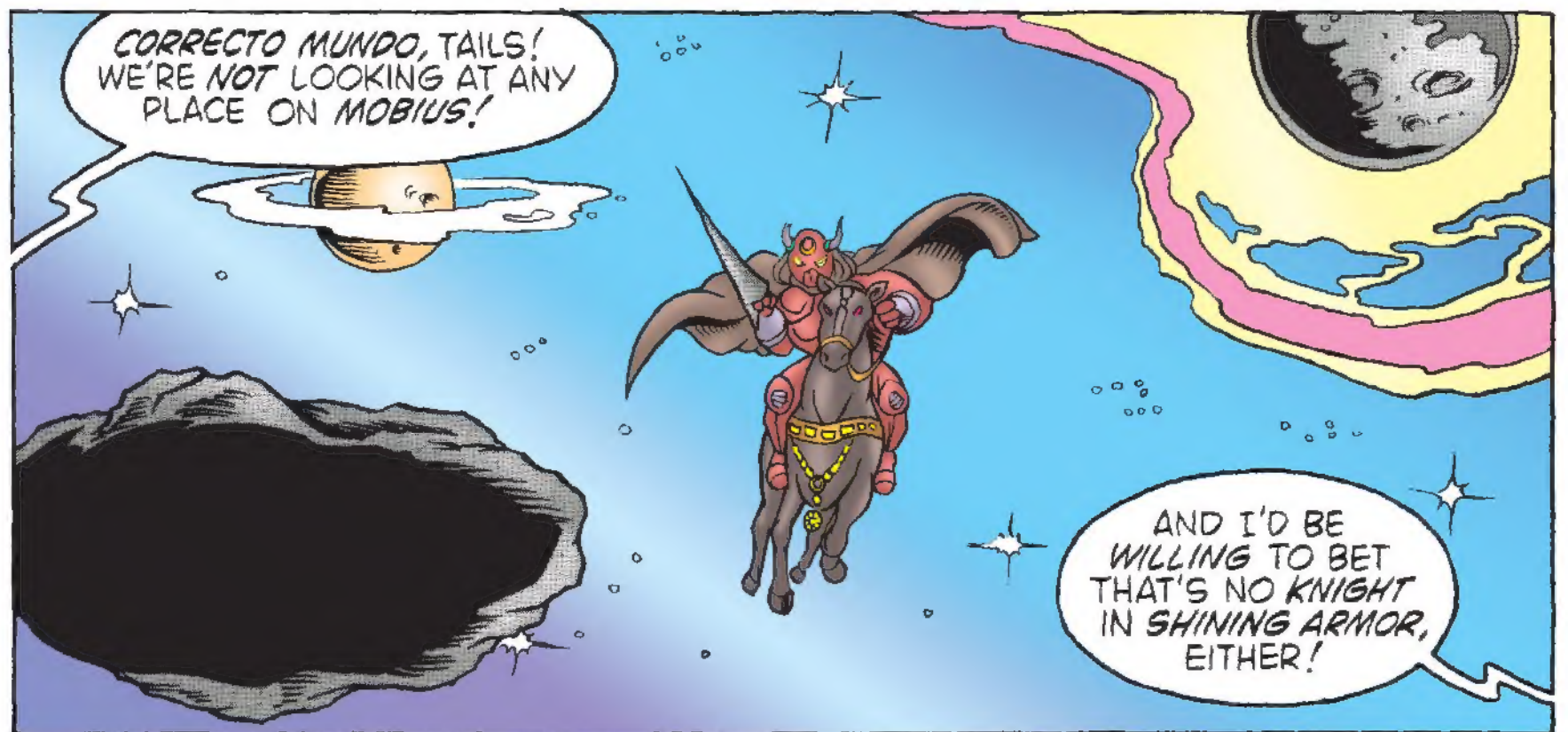
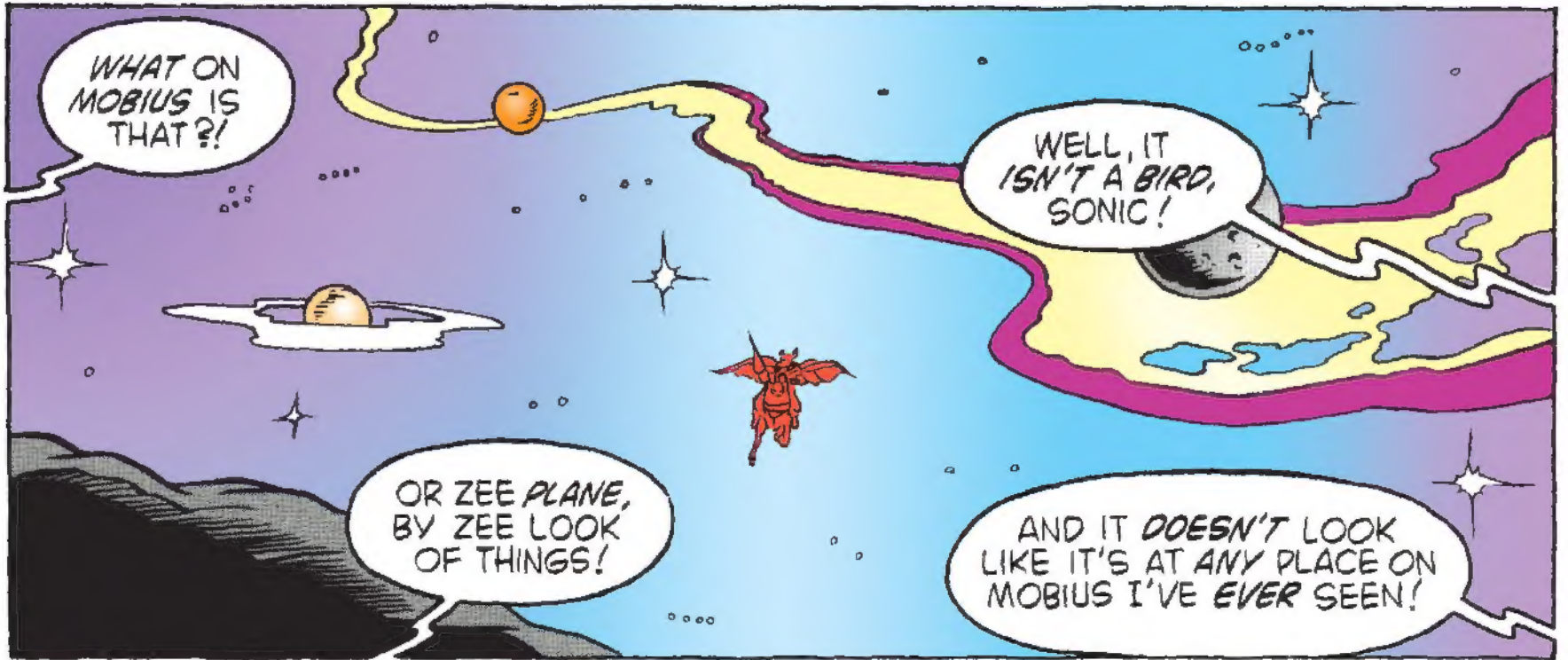
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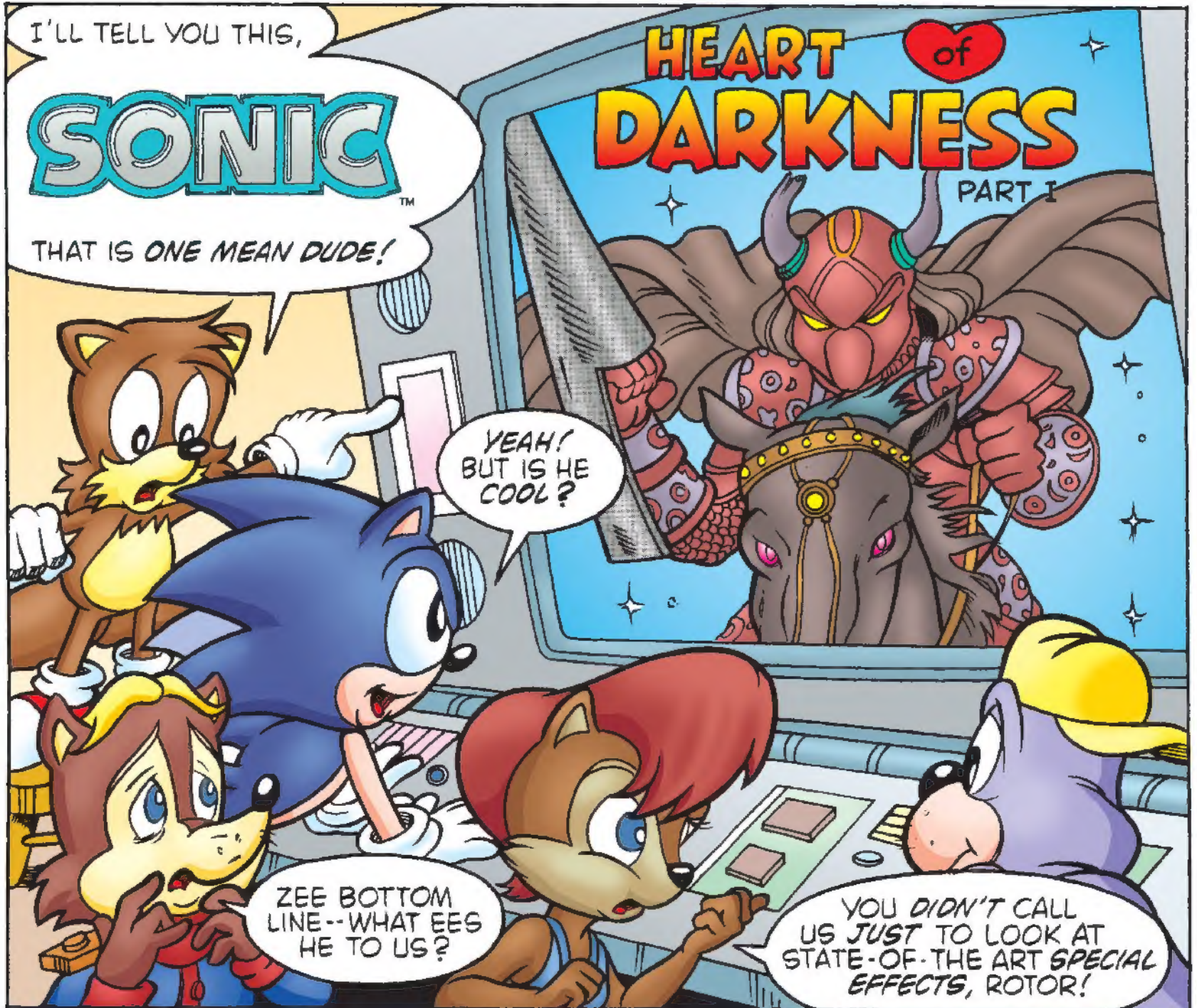
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I'LL TELL YOU THIS,

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THAT IS ONE MEAN DUDE!

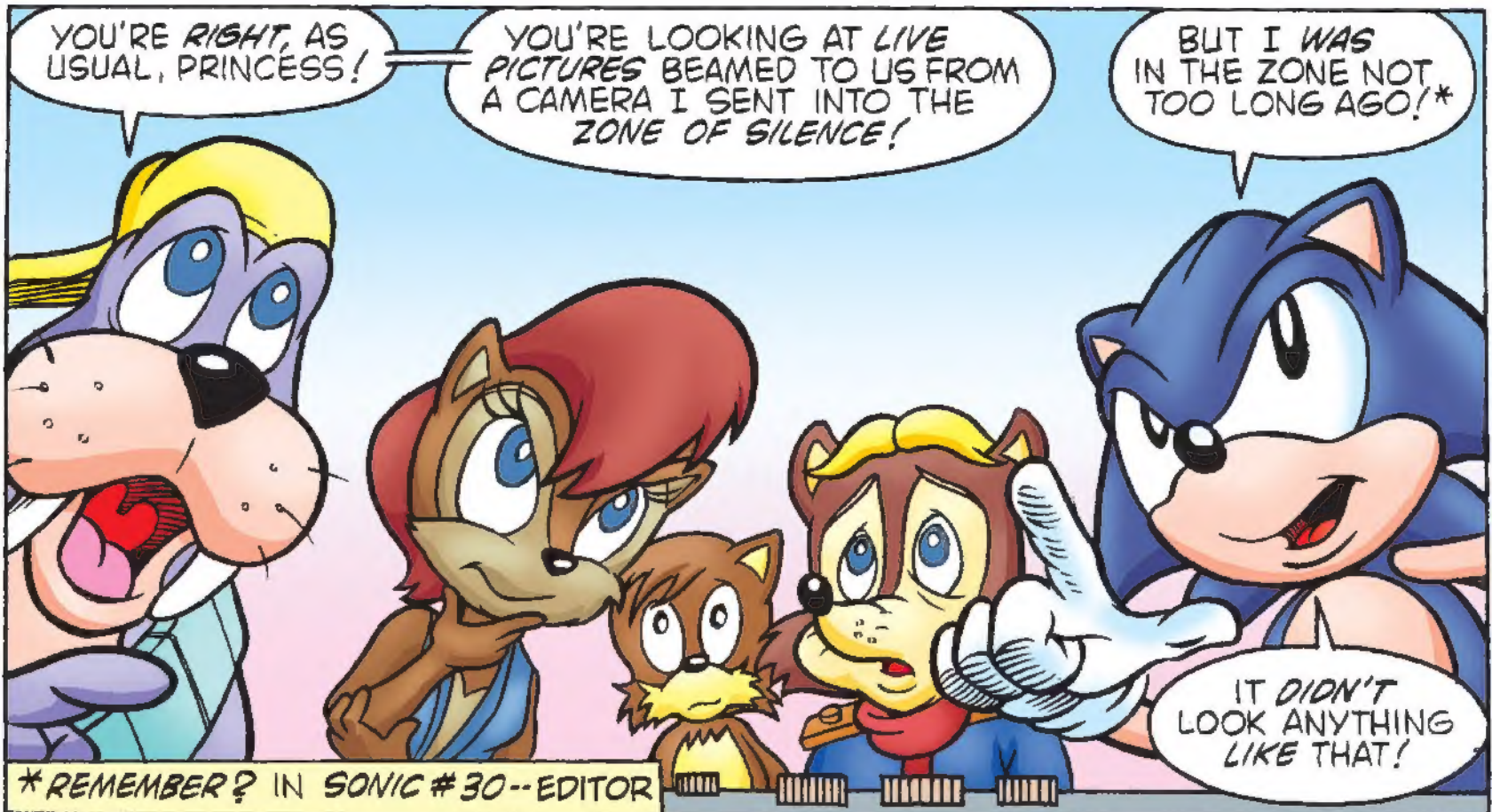
HEART of DARKNESS
PART I

YEAH!
BUT IS HE
COOL?

ZEE BOTTOM
LINE--WHAT EES
HE TO US?

YOU DIDN'T CALL
US JUST TO LOOK AT
STATE-OF-THE ART SPECIAL
EFFECTS, ROTOR!

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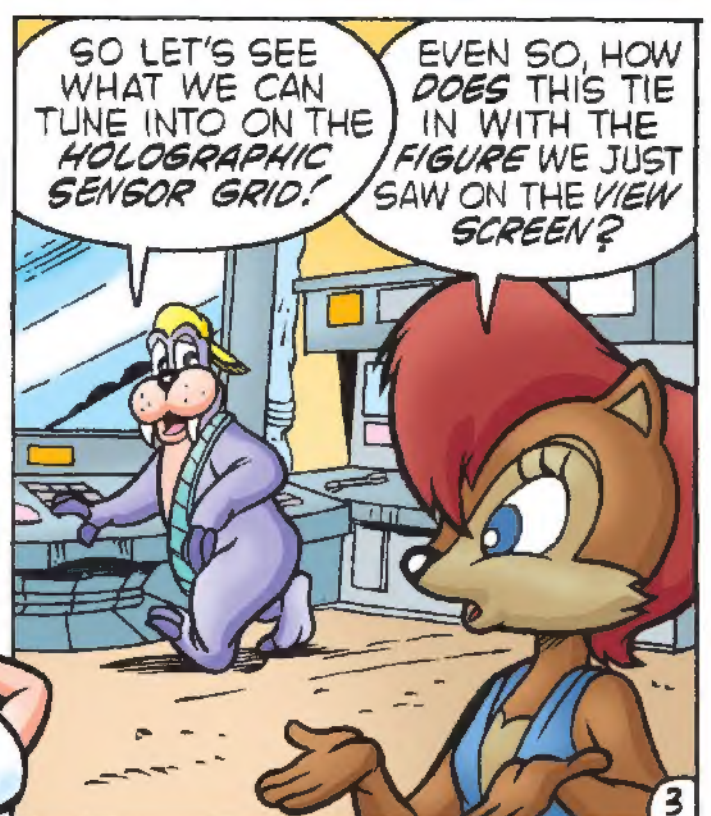
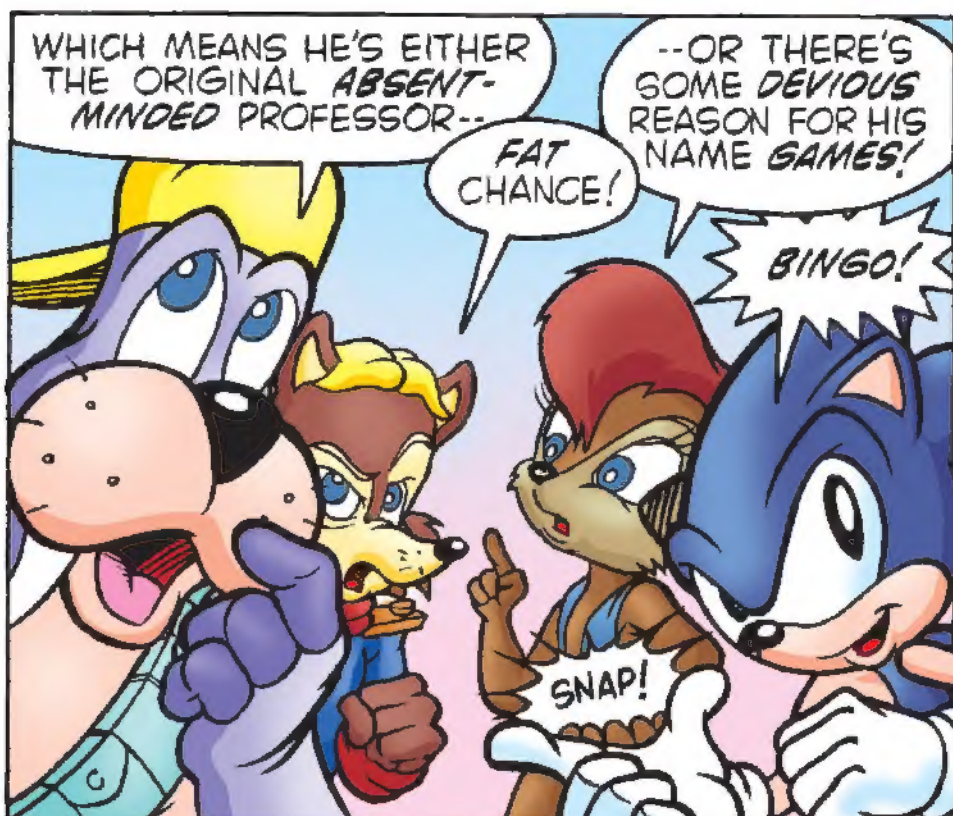
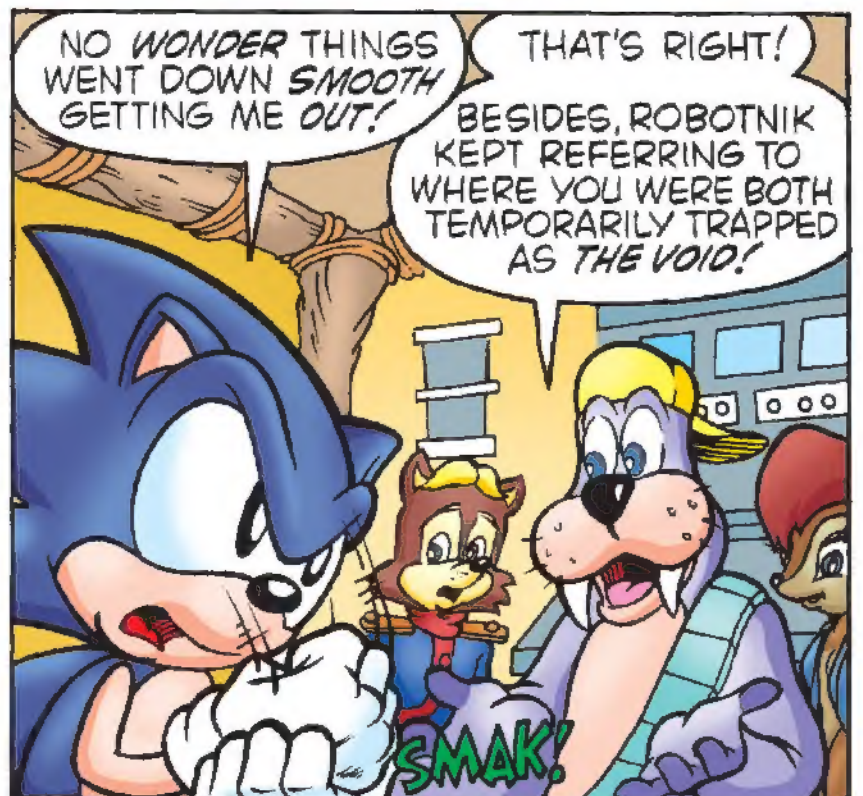
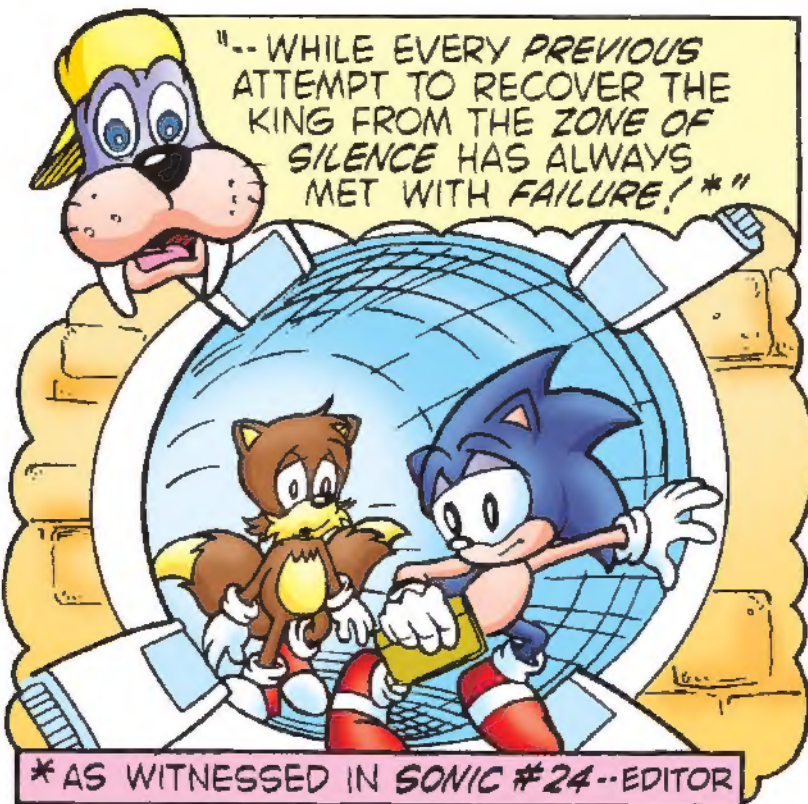
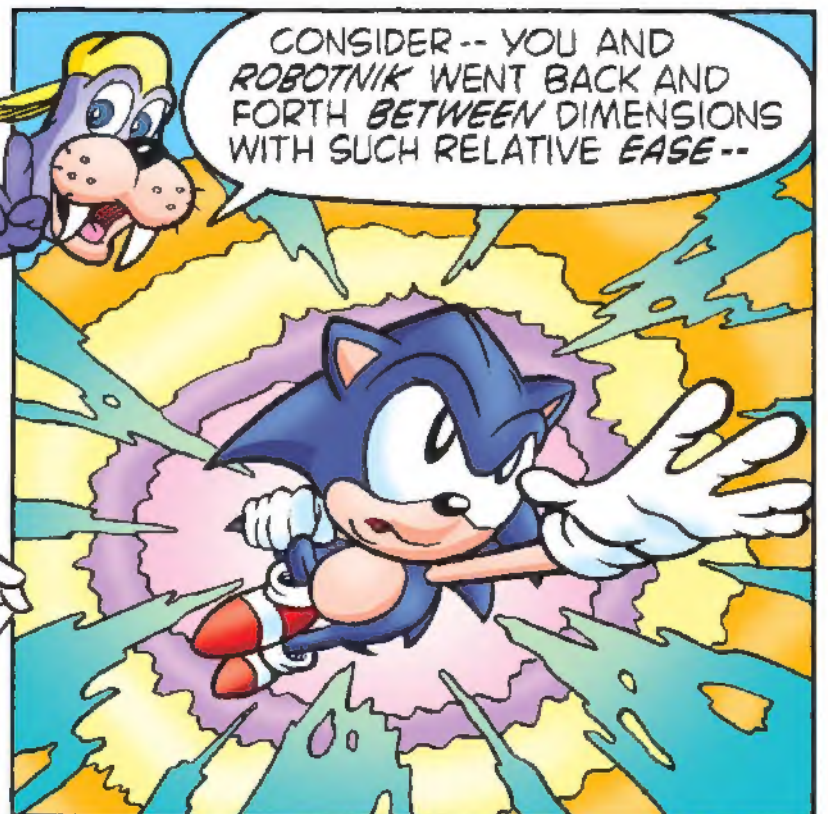
YOU'RE RIGHT, AS
USUAL, PRINCESS!

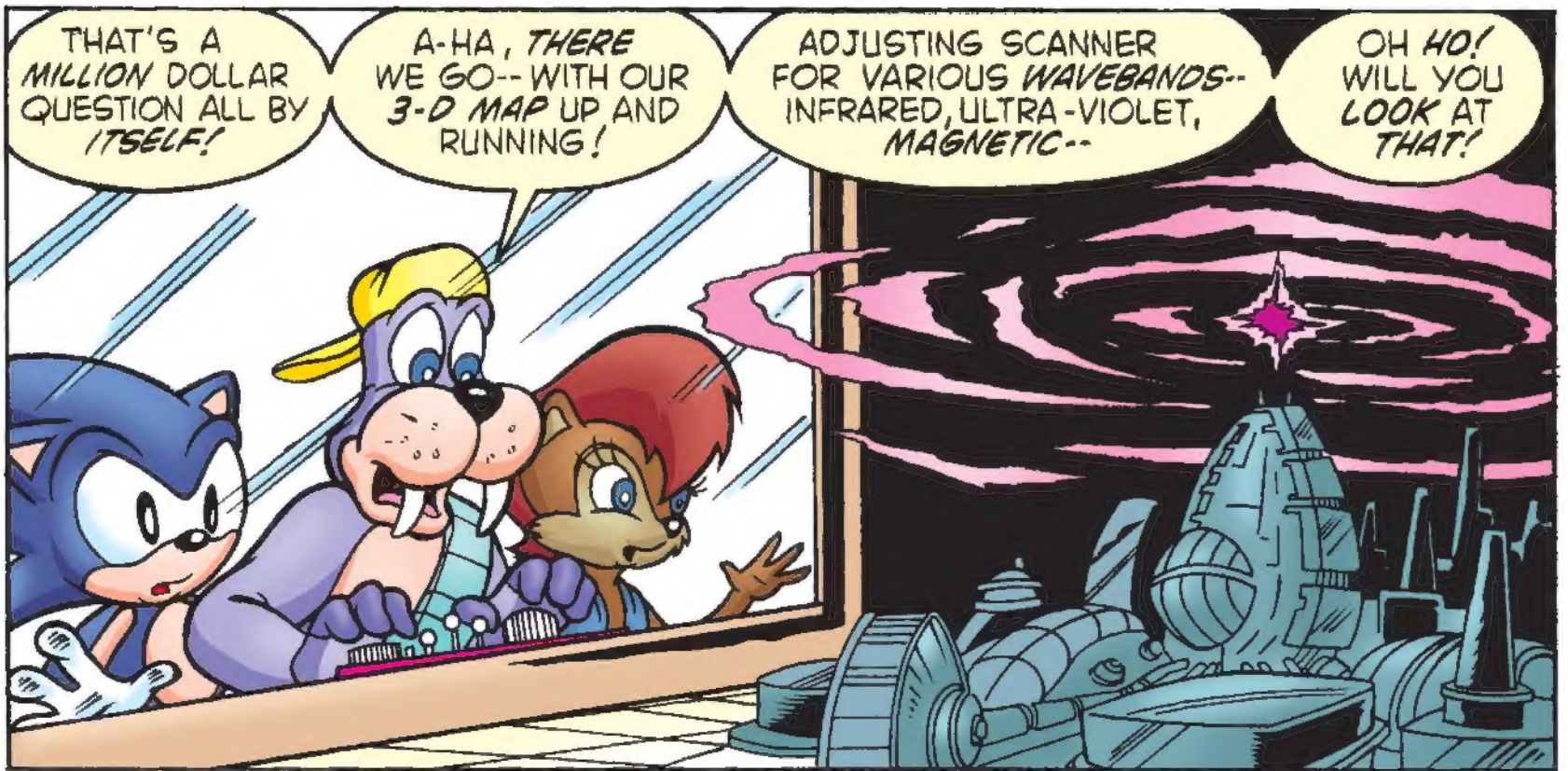
YOU'RE LOOKING AT LIVE
PICTURES BEAMED TO US FROM
A CAMERA I SENT INTO THE
ZONE OF SILENCE!

BUT I WAS
IN THE ZONE NOT
TOO LONG AGO!*

IT DIDN'T
LOOK ANYTHING
LIKE THAT!

*REMEMBER? IN SONIC #30--EDITOR



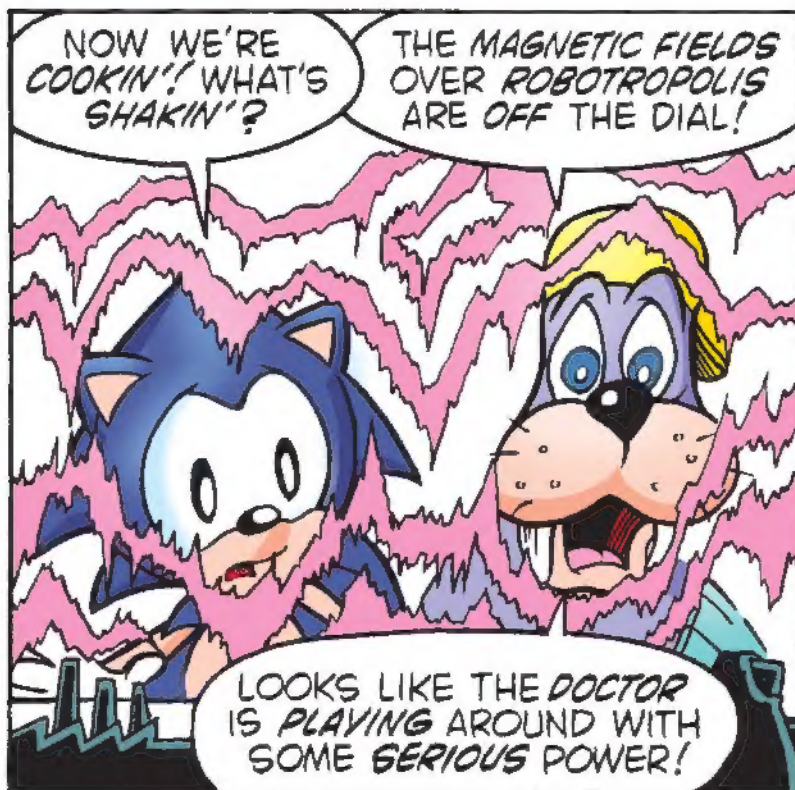


THAT'S A MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION ALL BY ITSELF!

A-HA, THERE WE GO-- WITH OUR 3-D MAP UP AND RUNNING!

ADJUSTING SCANNER FOR VARIOUS WAVEBANDS-- INFRARED, ULTRA-VIOLET, MAGNETIC--

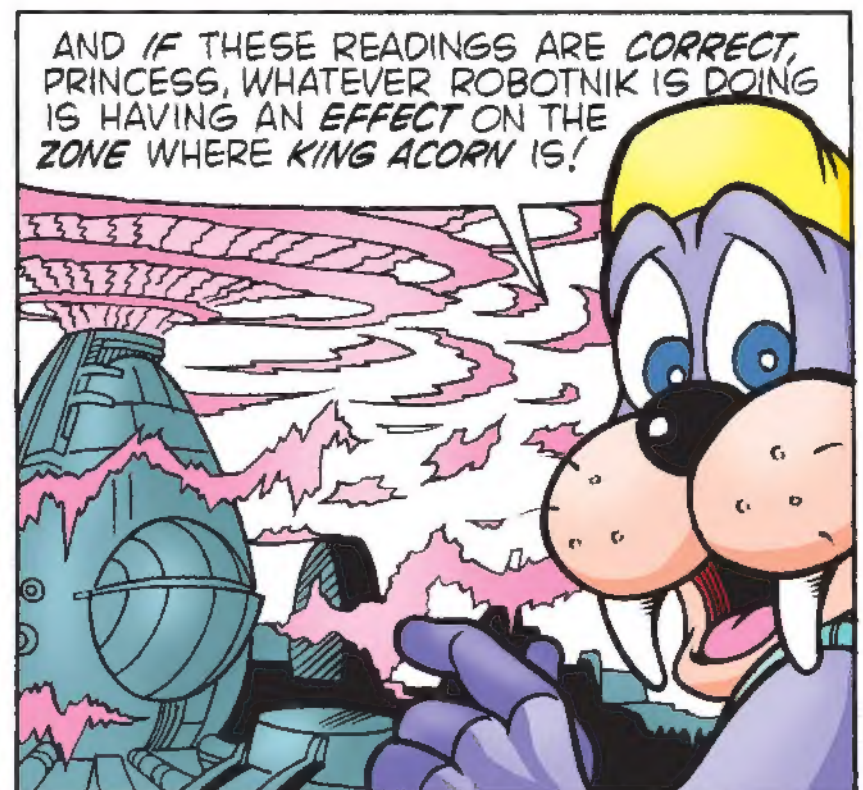
OH HO! WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!



NOW WE'RE COOKIN'! WHAT'S SHAKIN'?

THE MAGNETIC FIELDS OVER ROBOTROPOLIS ARE OFF THE DIAL!

LOOKS LIKE THE DOCTOR IS PLAYING AROUND WITH SOME SERIOUS POWER!



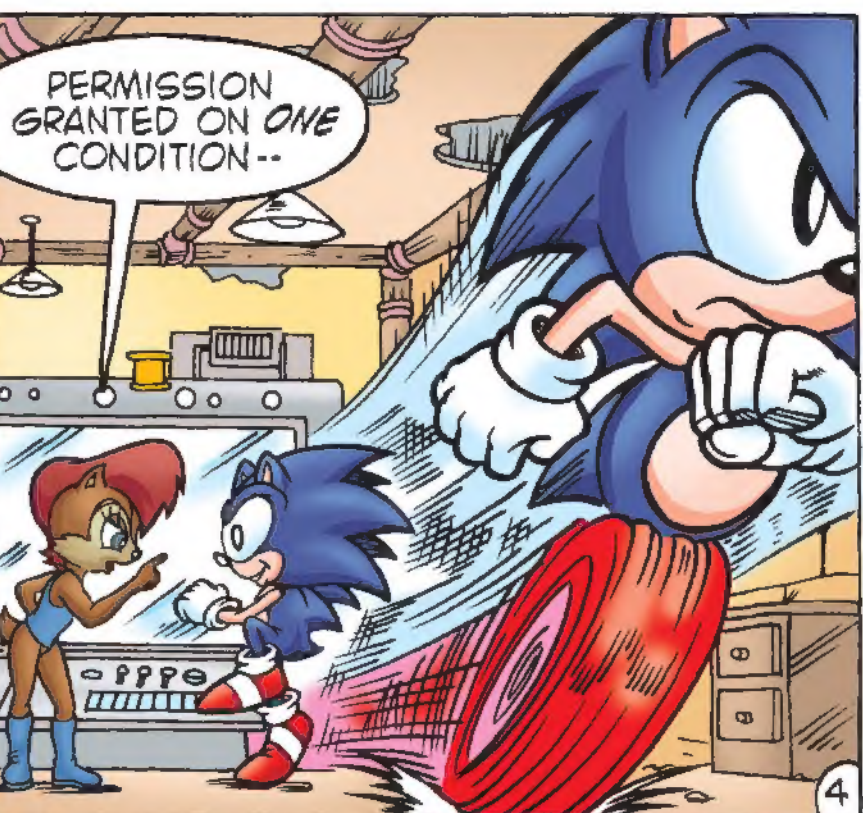
AND IF THESE READINGS ARE CORRECT, PRINCESS, WHATEVER ROBOTNIK IS DOING IS HAVING AN EFFECT ON THE ZONE WHERE KING ACORN IS!



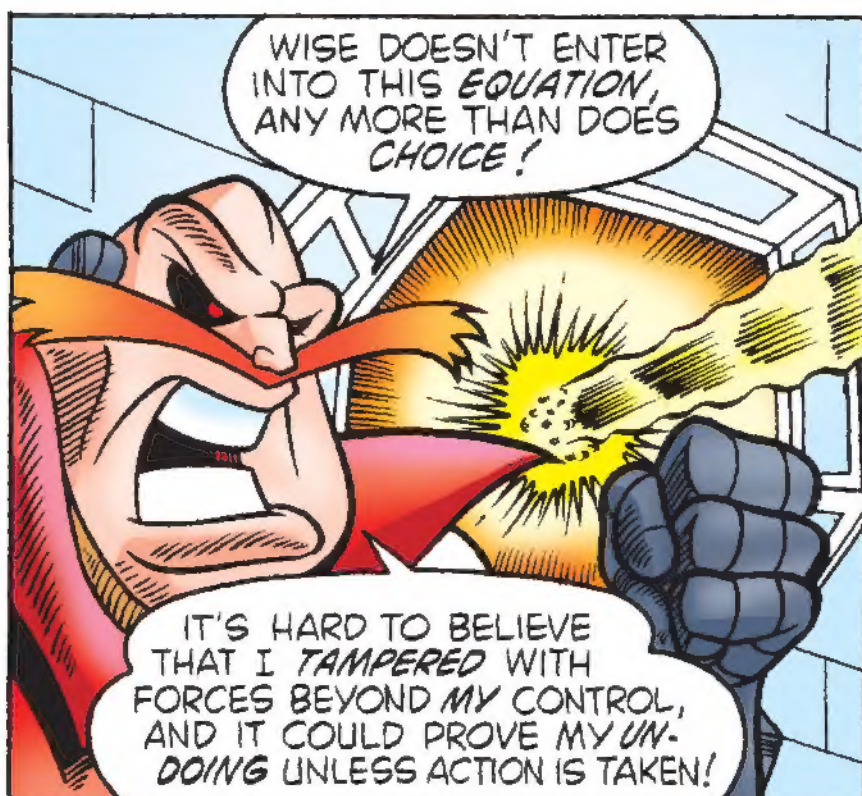
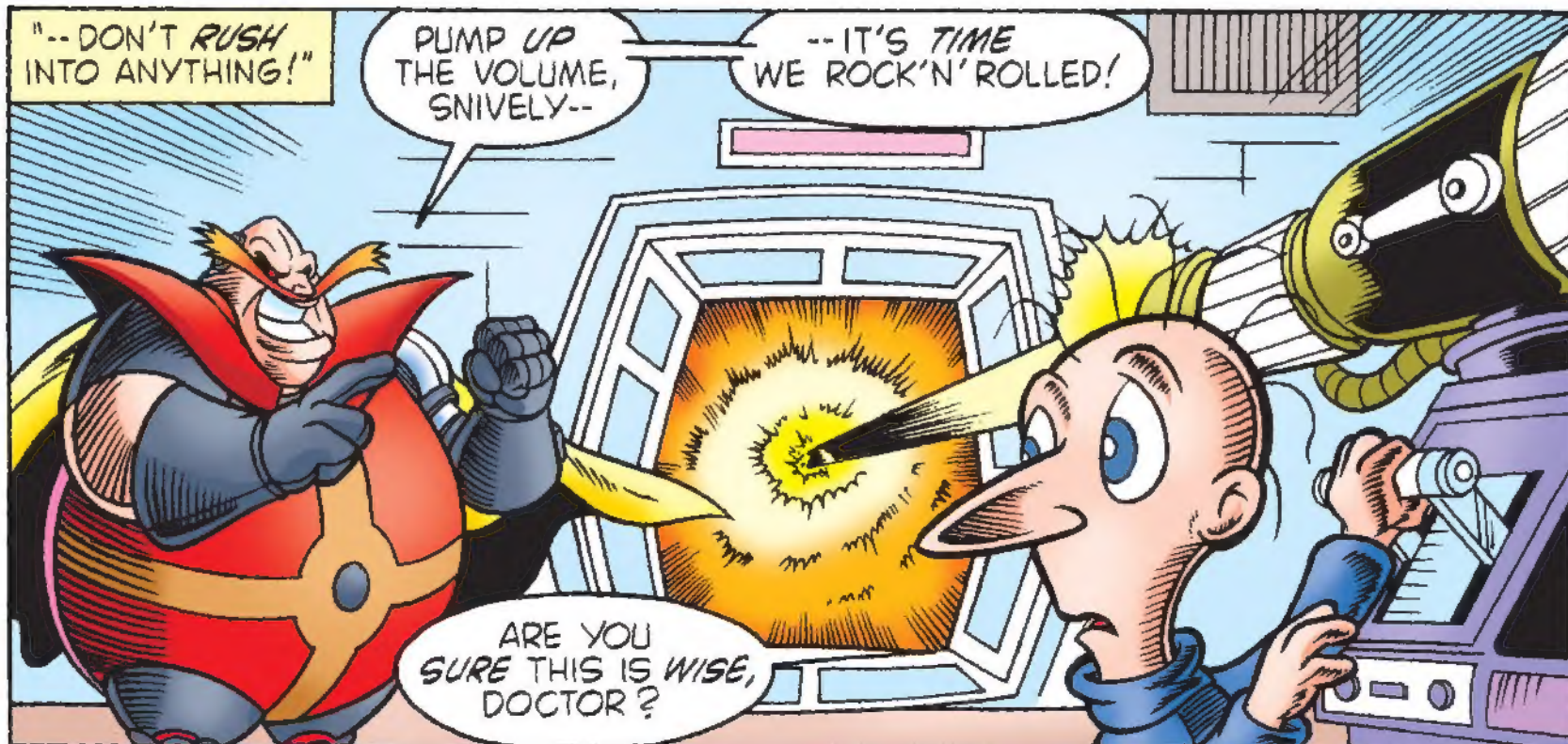
IT'S YOUR CALL, SALLY--

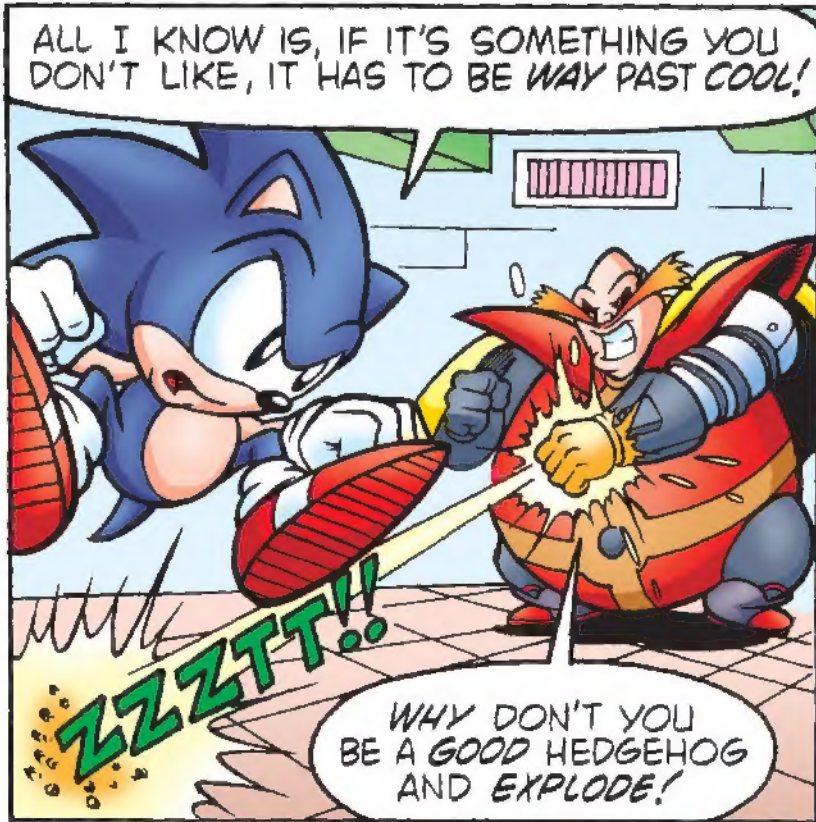
-- BUT I'M WILLING TO CUT LOOSE THE JUICE--

-- AND NAIL ROBOBUTT BEFORE HE KNOWS WHAT HIT HIM!



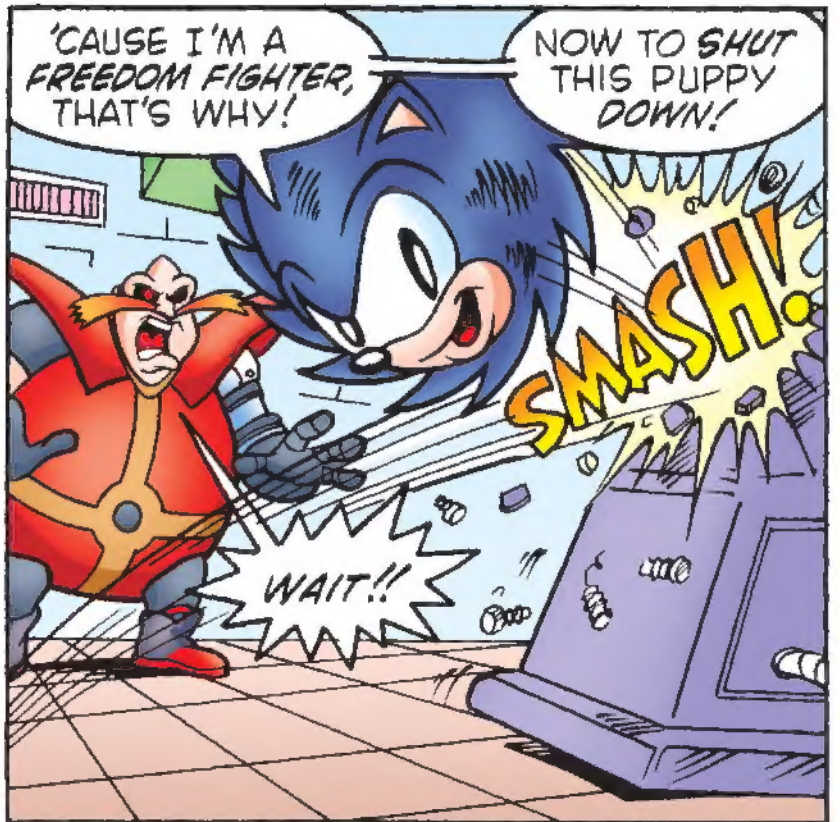
PERMISSION GRANTED ON ONE CONDITION--





ALL I KNOW IS, IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T LIKE, IT HAS TO BE WAY PAST COOL!

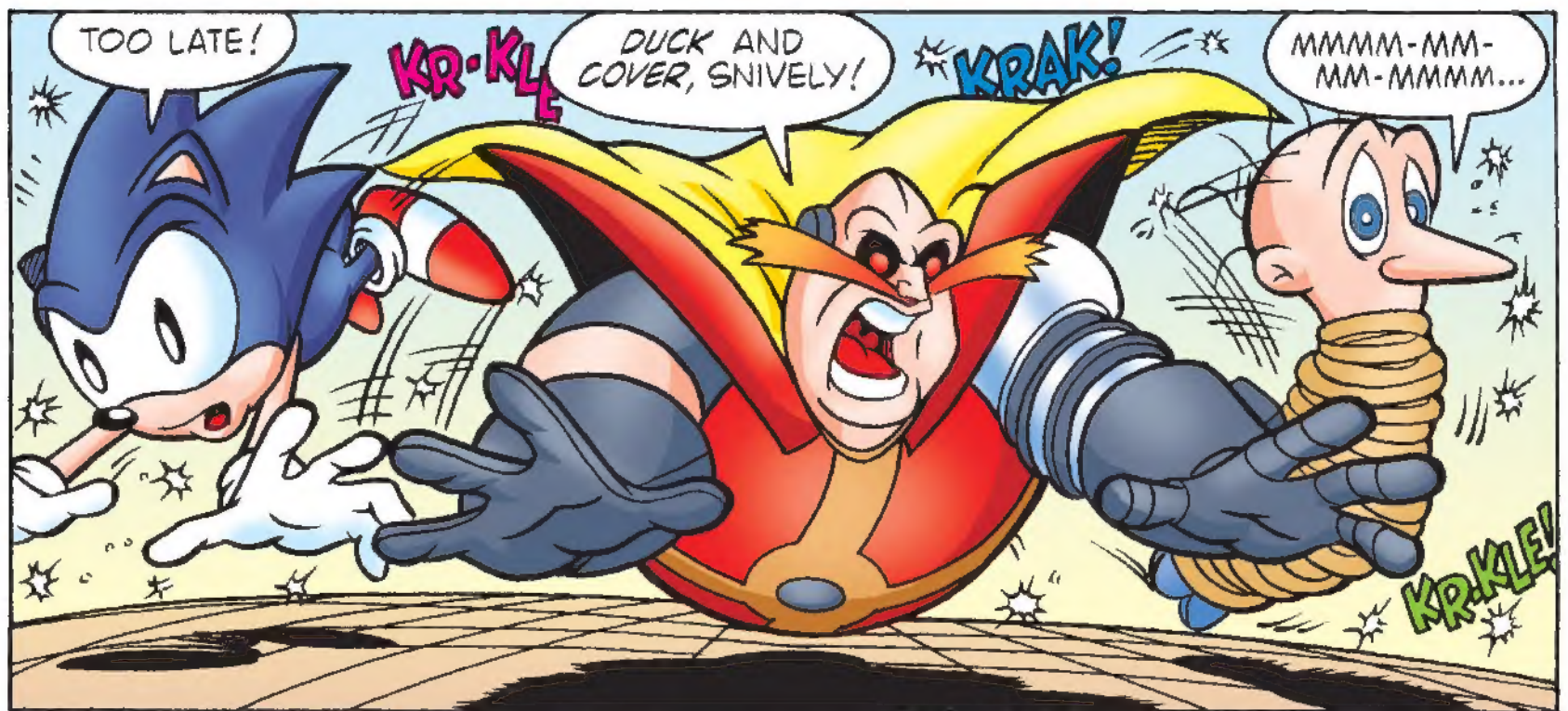
WHY DON'T YOU BE A GOOD HEDGEHOG AND EXPLODE!



'CAUSE I'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER, THAT'S WHY!

NOW TO SHUT THIS PUPPY DOWN!

WAIT!!



TOO LATE!

KR-KLE

DUCK AND COVER, SNIVELY!

KRAK!

MMMM-MM-MM-MMMM...

KR-KLE!



YOU BLITHERING IDIOT! I HOPE YOU'RE PROUD OF YOURSELF!

KA BOOM!

BIG TIME, RO-BUTT-NIK!



I HOPE YOU CAN SAY THE SAME WHEN YOU WITNESS ALL OF MOBIUS ERADICATED!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

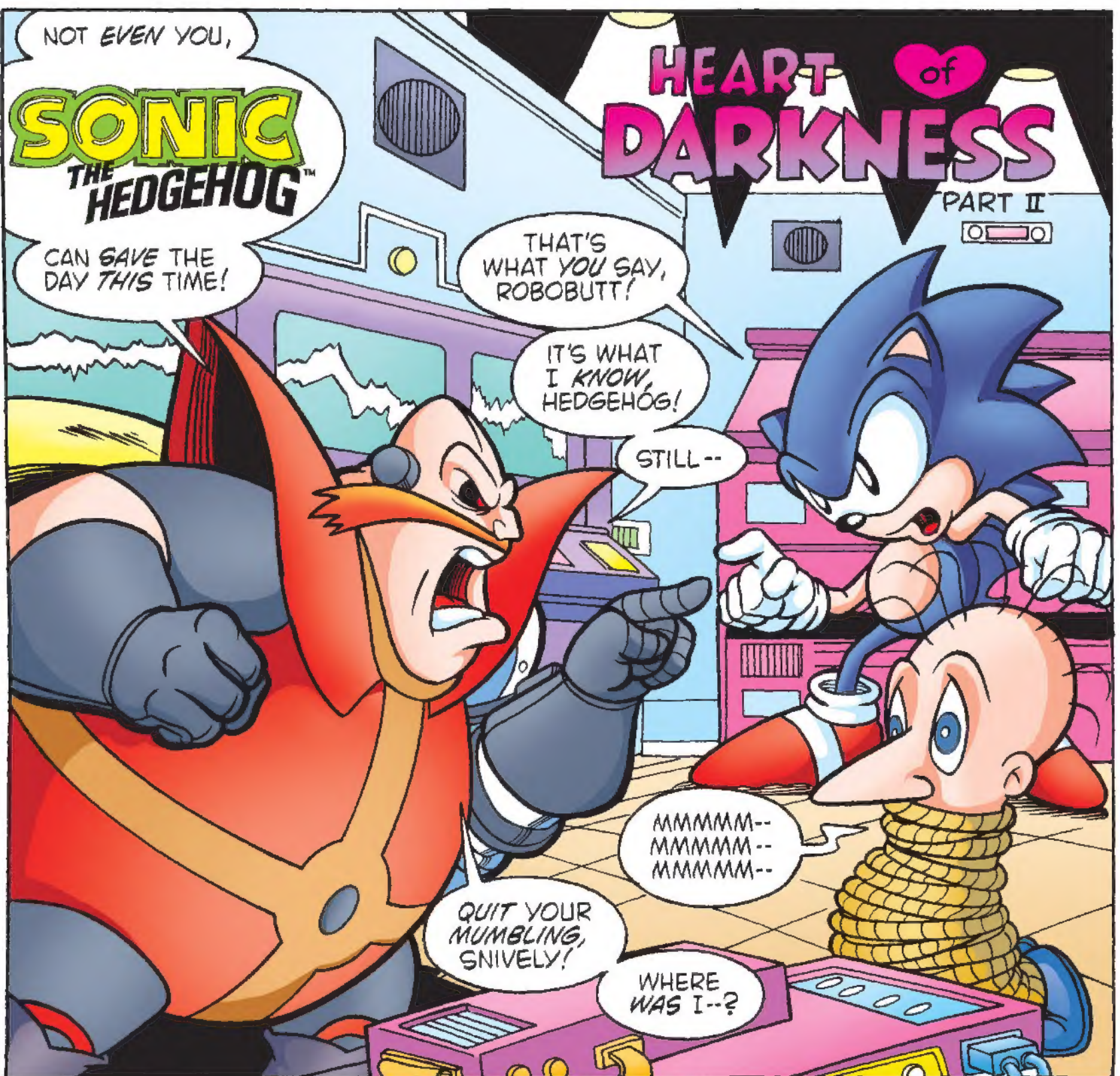
YOU FIGURE IT OUT! IN THE MEANTIME--

I'VE A WORLD TO SAVE!

END OF PART I

HEART of DARKNESS

PART II



NOT EVEN YOU,
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™
CAN SAVE THE DAY THIS TIME!

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY, ROBOBUTT!

IT'S WHAT I KNOW, HEDGEHOG!

STILL--

MMMMMM--
MMMMMM--
MMMMMM--

QUIT YOUR MUMBLING, SNIVELY!

WHERE WAS I--?



OH, YES! OUR DILEMMA!

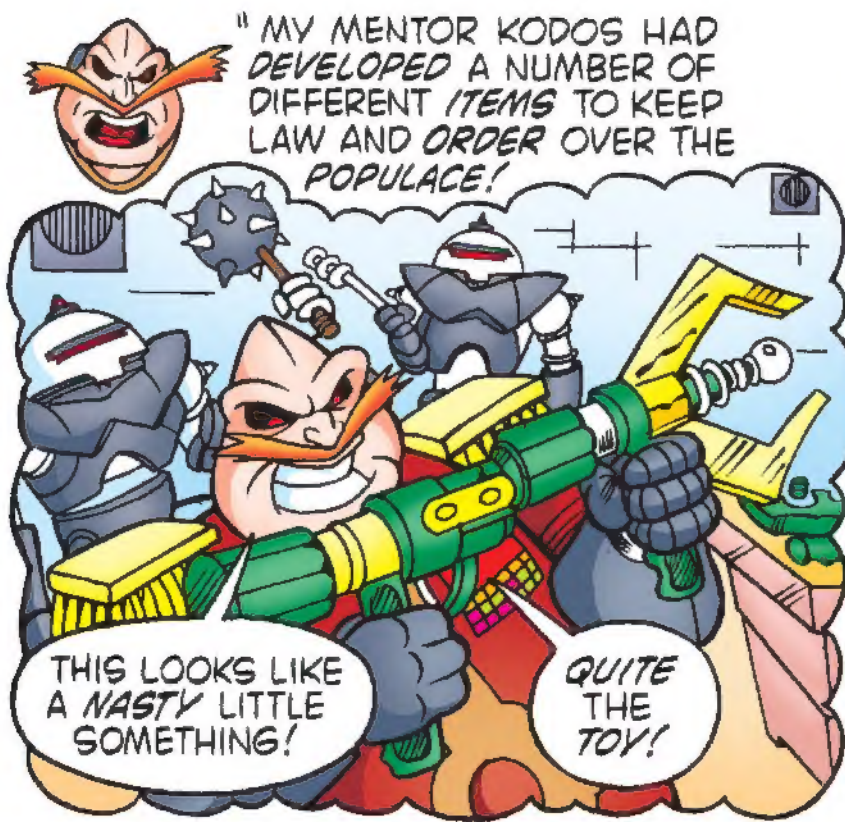
WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING! BACK BEFORE I WAS THE BENEVOLENT RULER OF MOBIUS!

IS THIS GONNA BE A FAIRY TALE?



"I'LL OVERLOOK THAT REMARK! LET'S BEGIN JUST BEFORE I CAME TO POWER! I WAS EXAMINING THAT WHICH WAS LEFT TO ME BY MY MENTOR!"

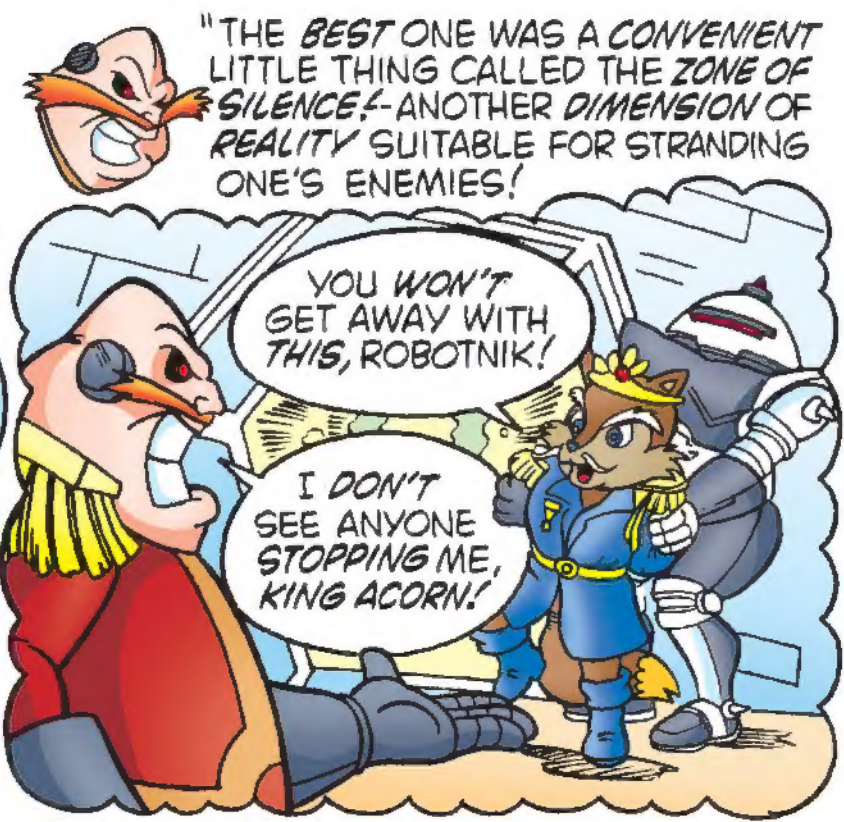
INTERESTING! KODOS WAS JUST ABOUT TO OVERTHROW THE KING WHEN HE DISAPPEARED!



"MY MENTOR KODOS HAD DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ITEMS TO KEEP LAW AND ORDER OVER THE POPULACE!"

THIS LOOKS LIKE A NASTY LITTLE SOMETHING!

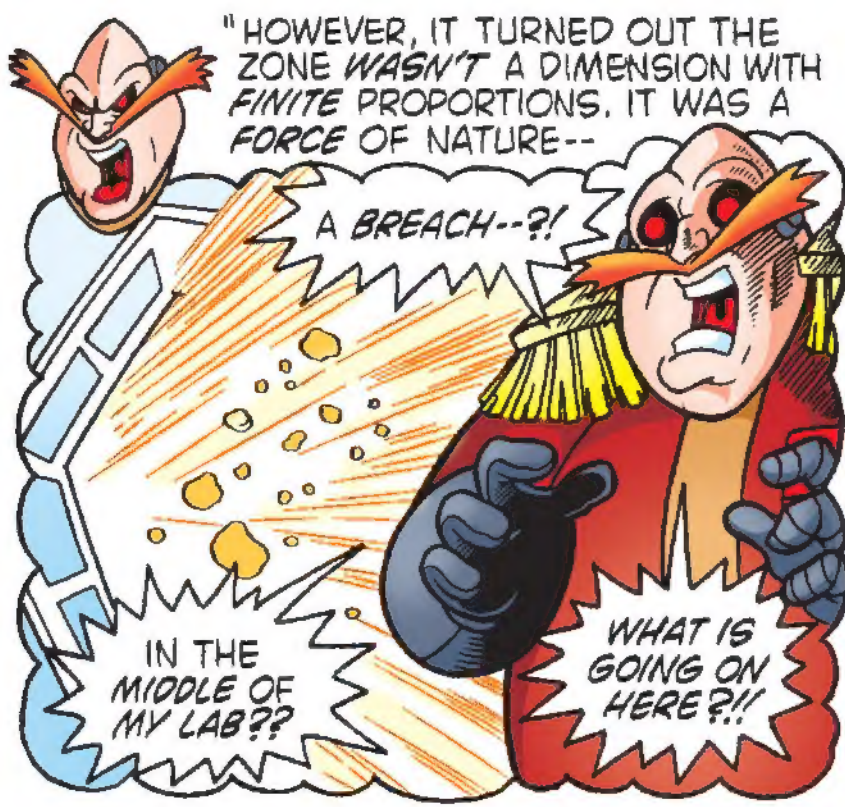
QUITE THE TOY!



"THE BEST ONE WAS A CONVENIENT LITTLE THING CALLED THE ZONE OF SILENCE!-ANOTHER DIMENSION OF REALITY SUITABLE FOR STRANDING ONE'S ENEMIES!"

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, ROBOTNIK!

I DON'T SEE ANYONE STOPPING ME, KING ACORN!

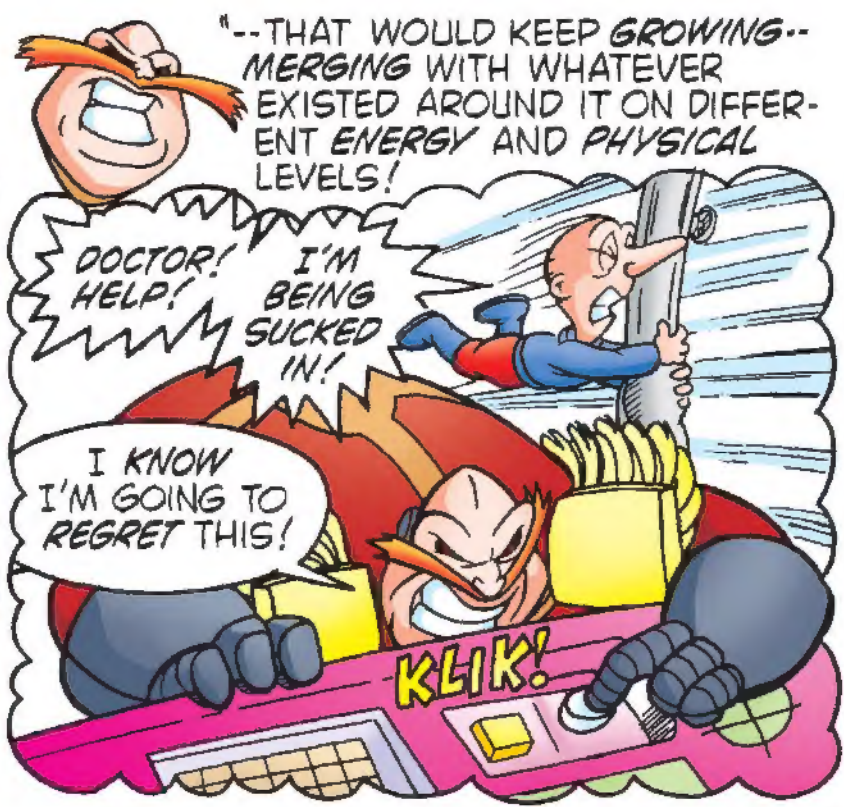


"HOWEVER, IT TURNED OUT THE ZONE WASN'T A DIMENSION WITH FINITE PROPORTIONS. IT WAS A FORCE OF NATURE--

A BREACH--?!

IN THE MIDDLE OF MY LAB??

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!!



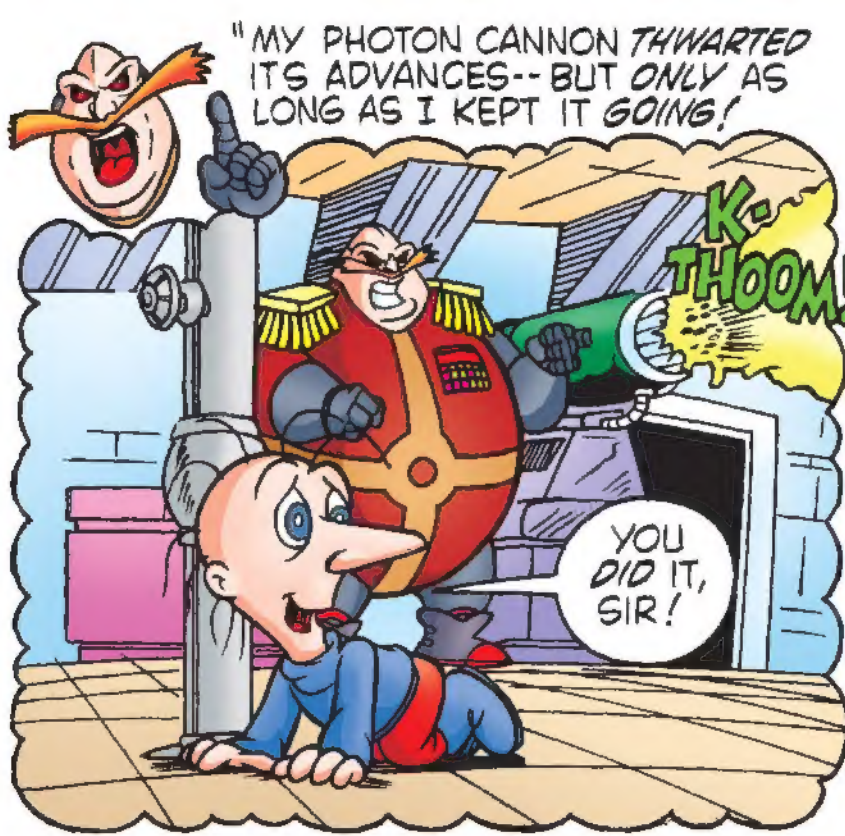
"--THAT WOULD KEEP GROWING-- MERGING WITH WHATEVER EXISTED AROUND IT ON DIFFERENT ENERGY AND PHYSICAL LEVELS!"

DOCTOR! HELP!

I'M BEING SUCKED IN!

I KNOW I'M GOING TO REGRET THIS!

KLIK!



"MY PHOTON CANNON THWARTED ITS ADVANCES-- BUT ONLY AS LONG AS I KEPT IT GOING!"

K-THOOM!

YOU DID IT, SIR!

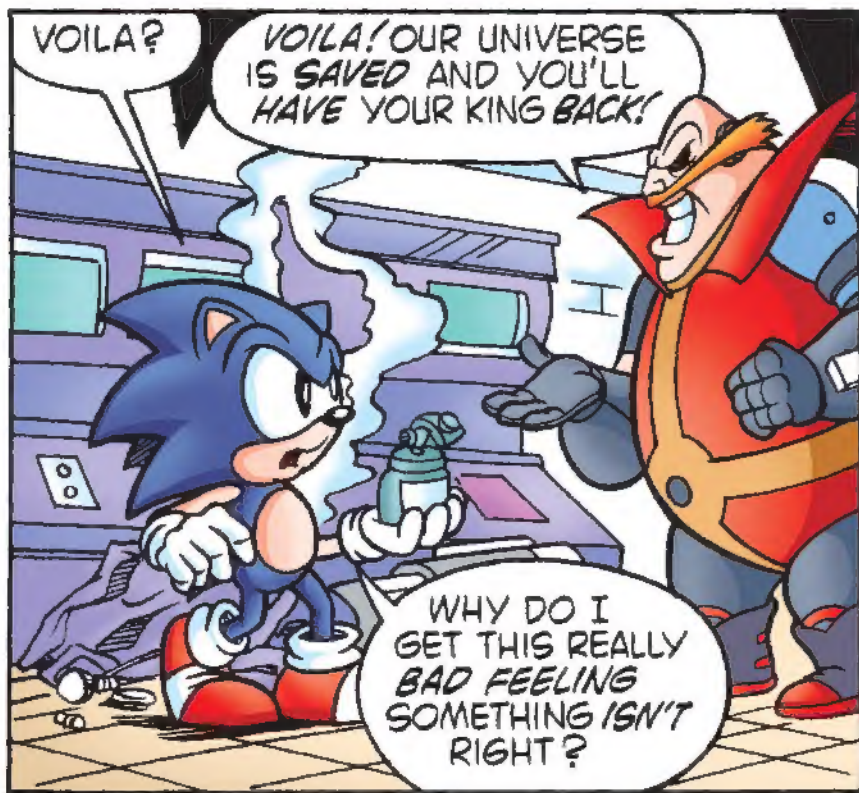
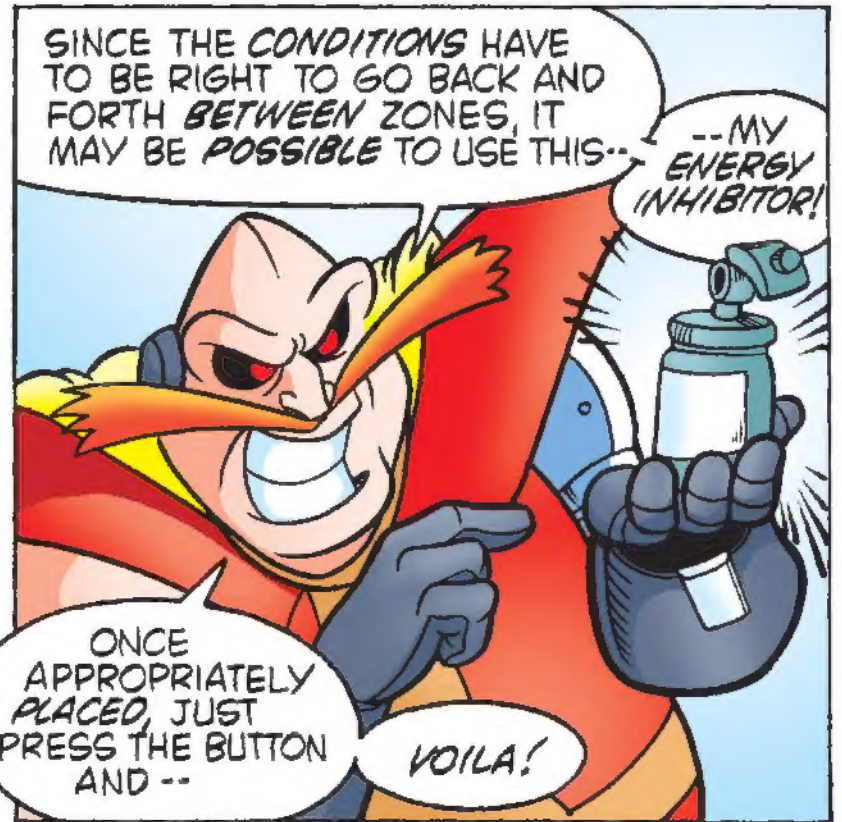


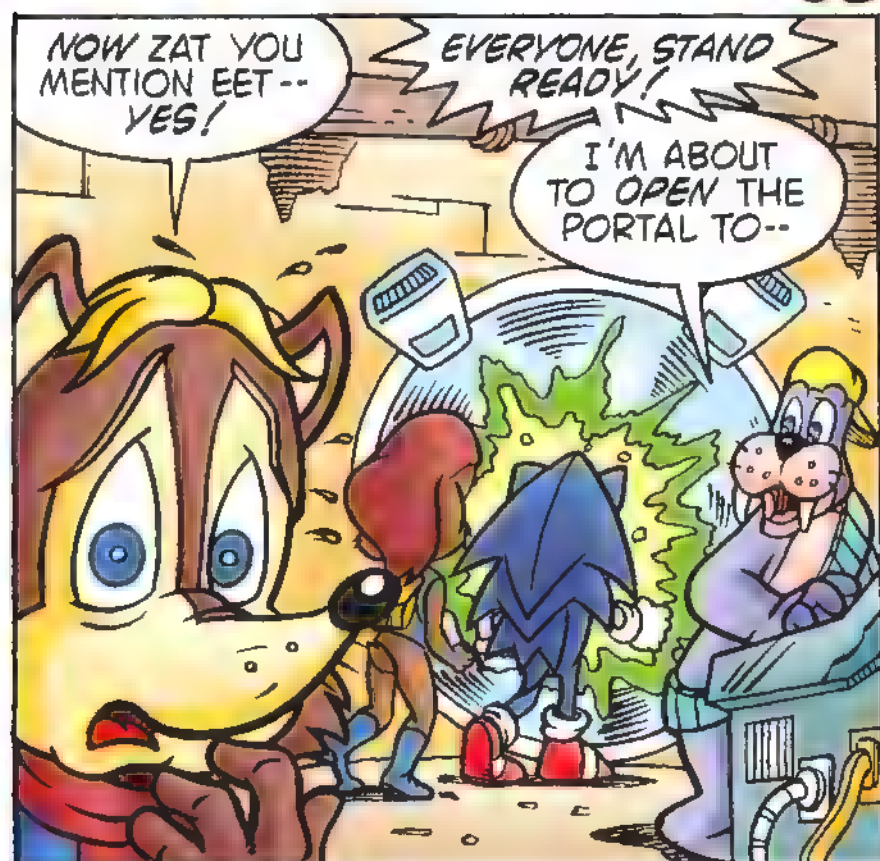
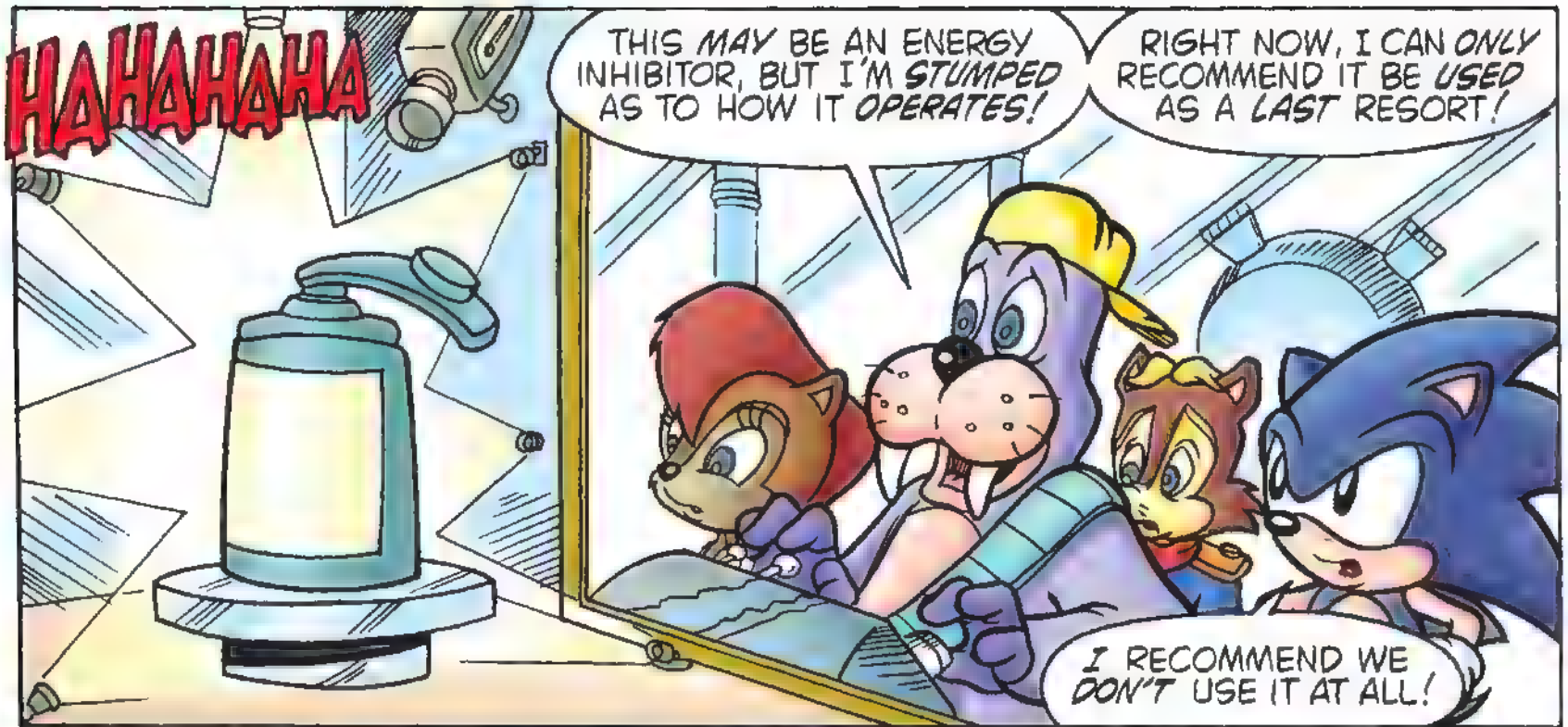
"FURTHER EXPERIMENTATION ACKNOWLEDGED SOMETHING HAD TO GIVE!"

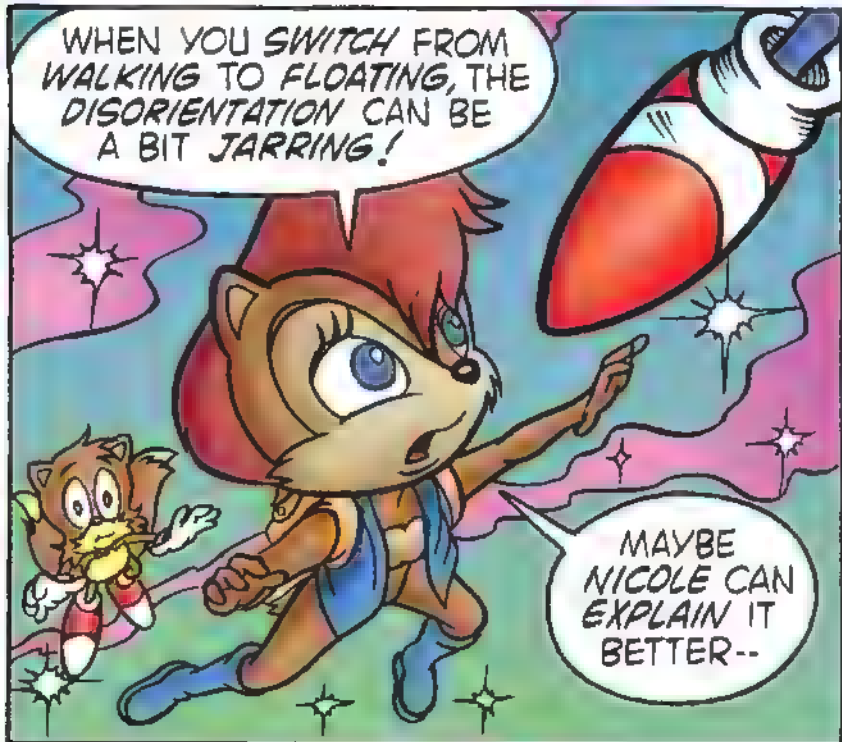
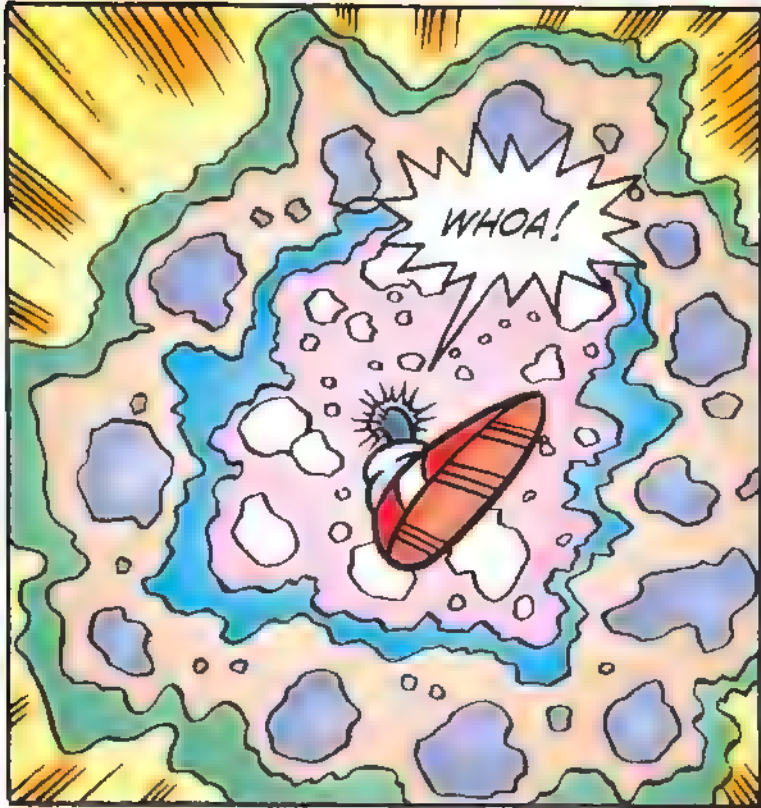
WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME, SNIVELY!

WE MUST DESTROY THE ZONE BEFORE IT CONSUMES AND DESTROYS MOBIUS!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE THE KINGS?







END OF PART II

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

in HEART of DARKNESS

PART III

SURRENDER,
OR ELSE FACE THE
CONSEQUENCES!

THAT'S NOT
EXACTLY A FRIENDLY
WAY TO START THINGS
OFF, BUD!

I'M NOT YOUR
"BUD," "PAL," "BRO" OR
ANY OTHER TERM YOU
MAY USE SUGGESTING
FAMILIARITY!

HE EES RIGHT!
I'D RATHER SEE OPEN
HONEST HOSTILITY,
MON AMI!

AT LEAST YOU
KNOW HE'LL HIT
YOU WHERE IT
HURTS ZE MOST!

MY PATIENCE
IS WEARING THIN,
FOOL!

I'D LIKE YOUR
REPLY NOW!

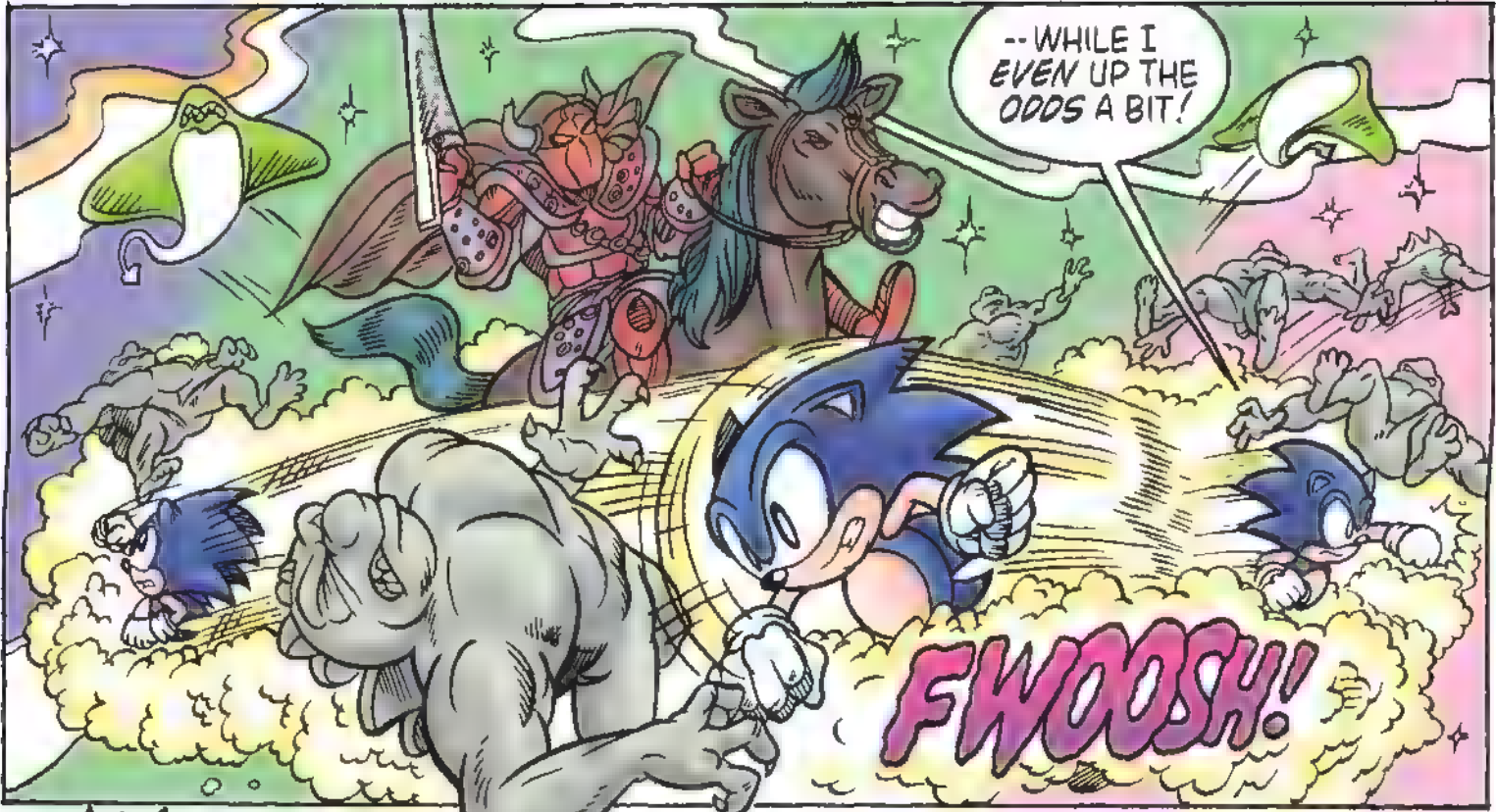
CAN WE
TALK--?

SNORT!

OW!

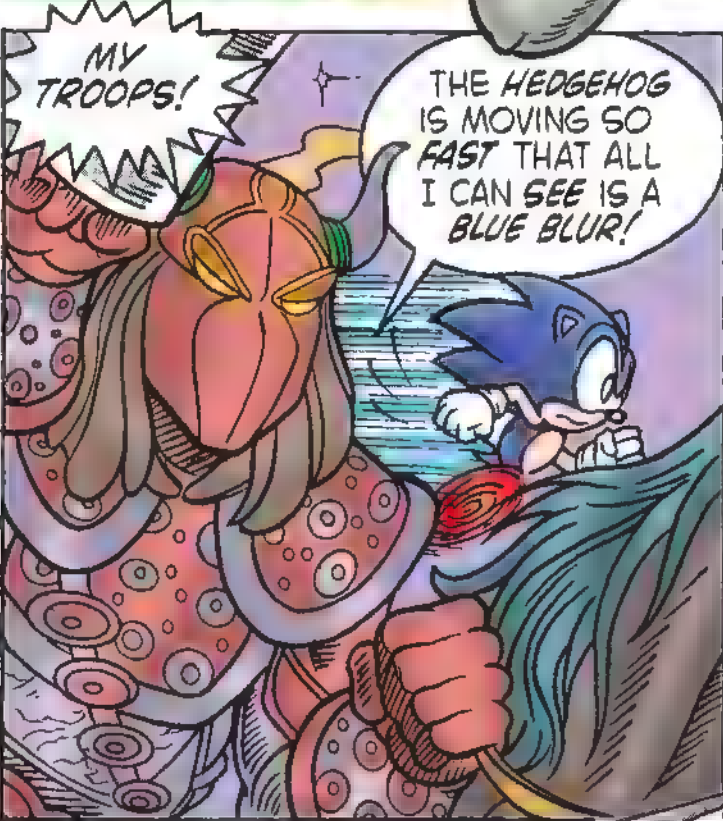
DIDN'T YOUR MOM
EVER TEACH YOU
IT'S NOT POLITE
TO POINT?

JUST
GIVE ME
A SEC--



--WHILE I EVEN UP THE ODDS A BIT!

FWOOSH!



MY TROOPS!

THE HEDGEHOG IS MOVING SO FAST THAT ALL I CAN SEE IS A BLUE BLUR!



NO!

BUT THAT IS ALL I NEED TO SEE IN ORDER TO FIRE--

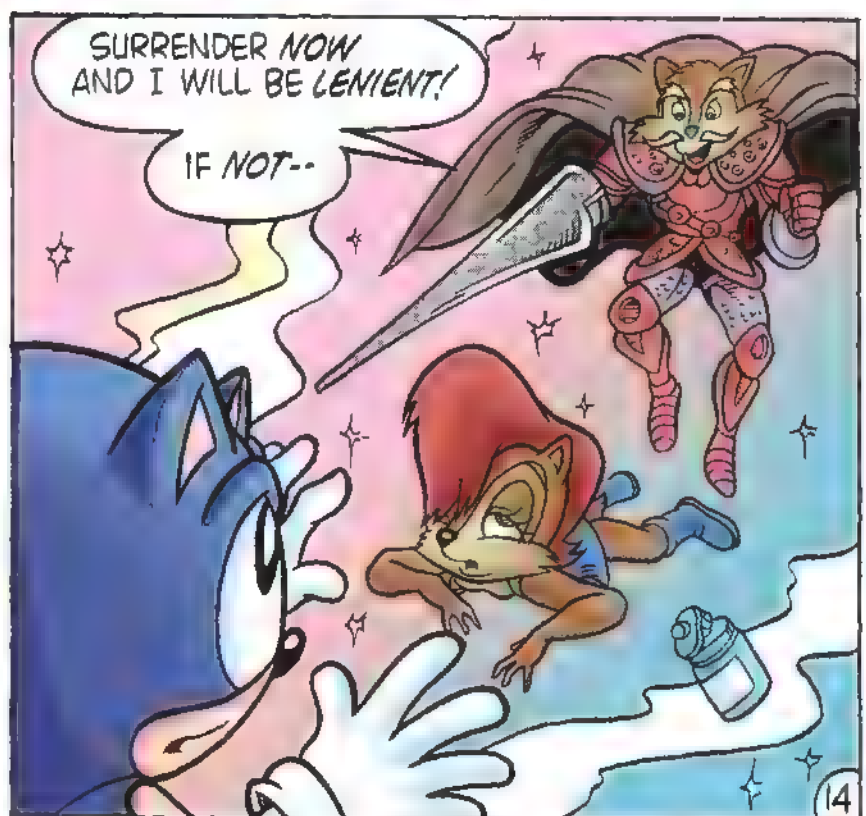
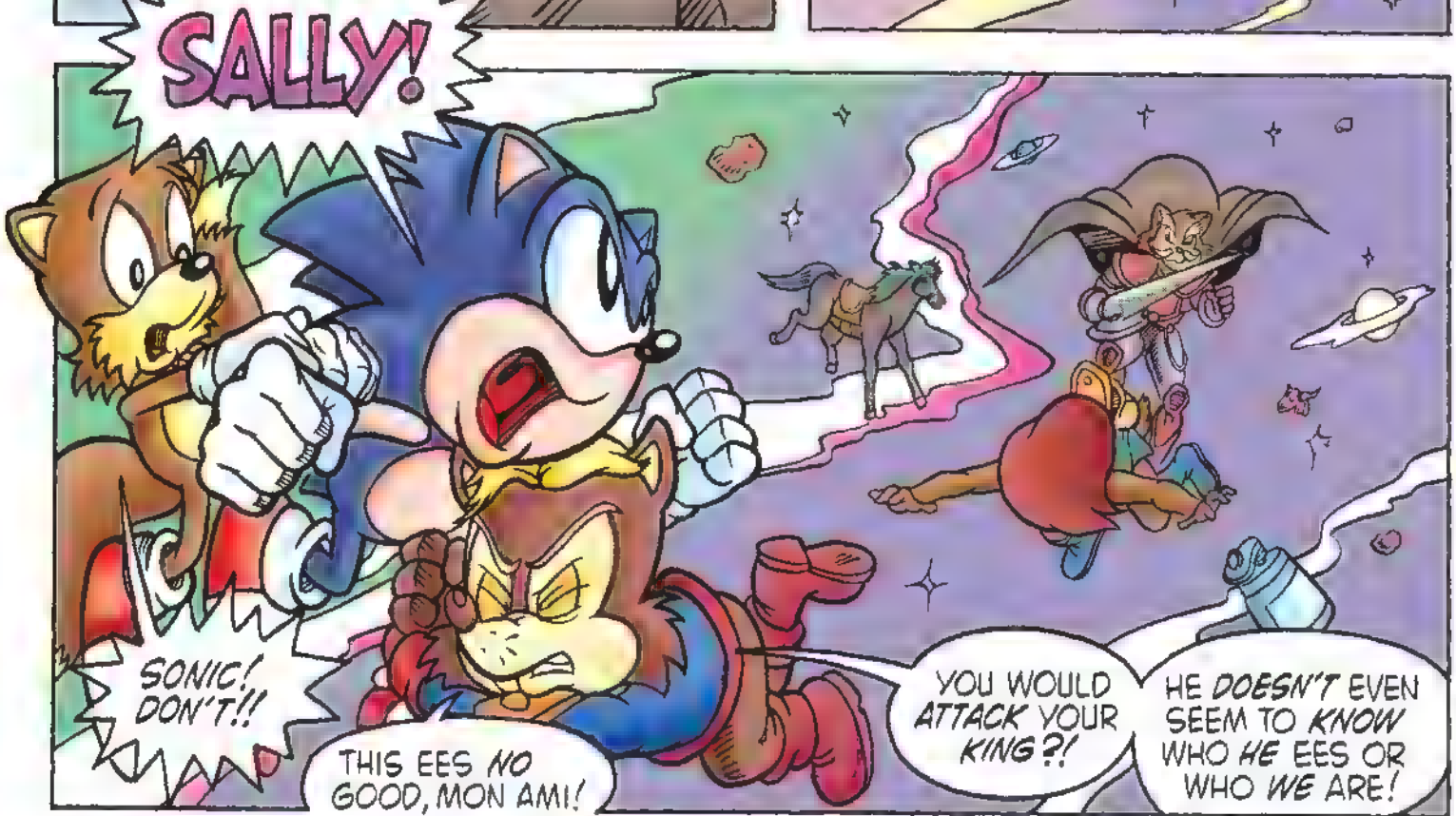
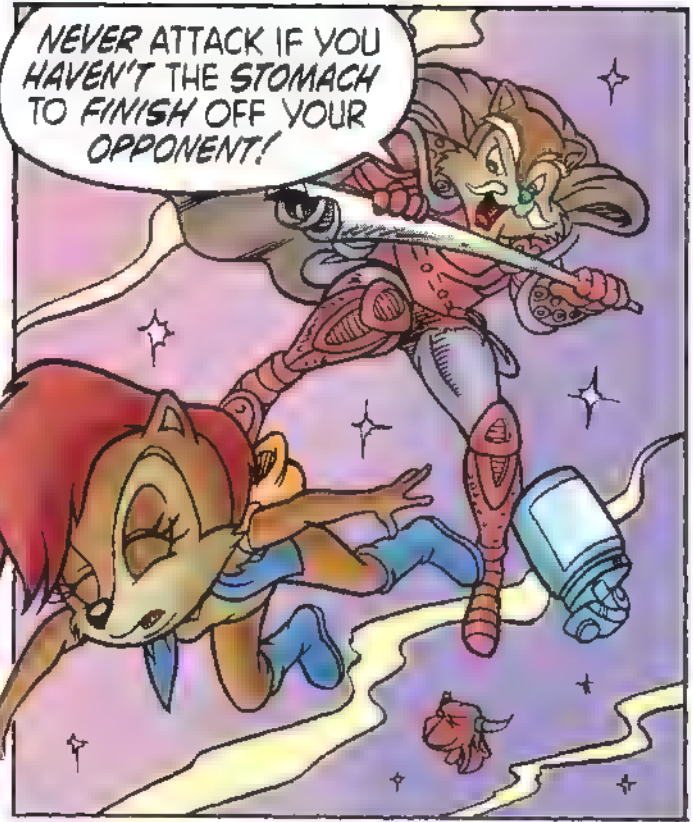


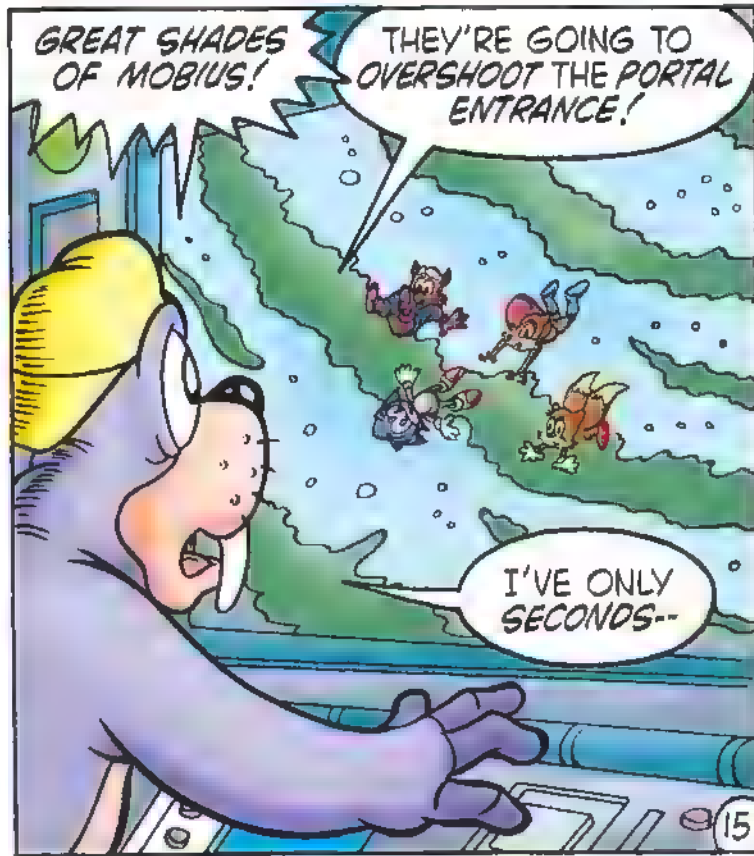
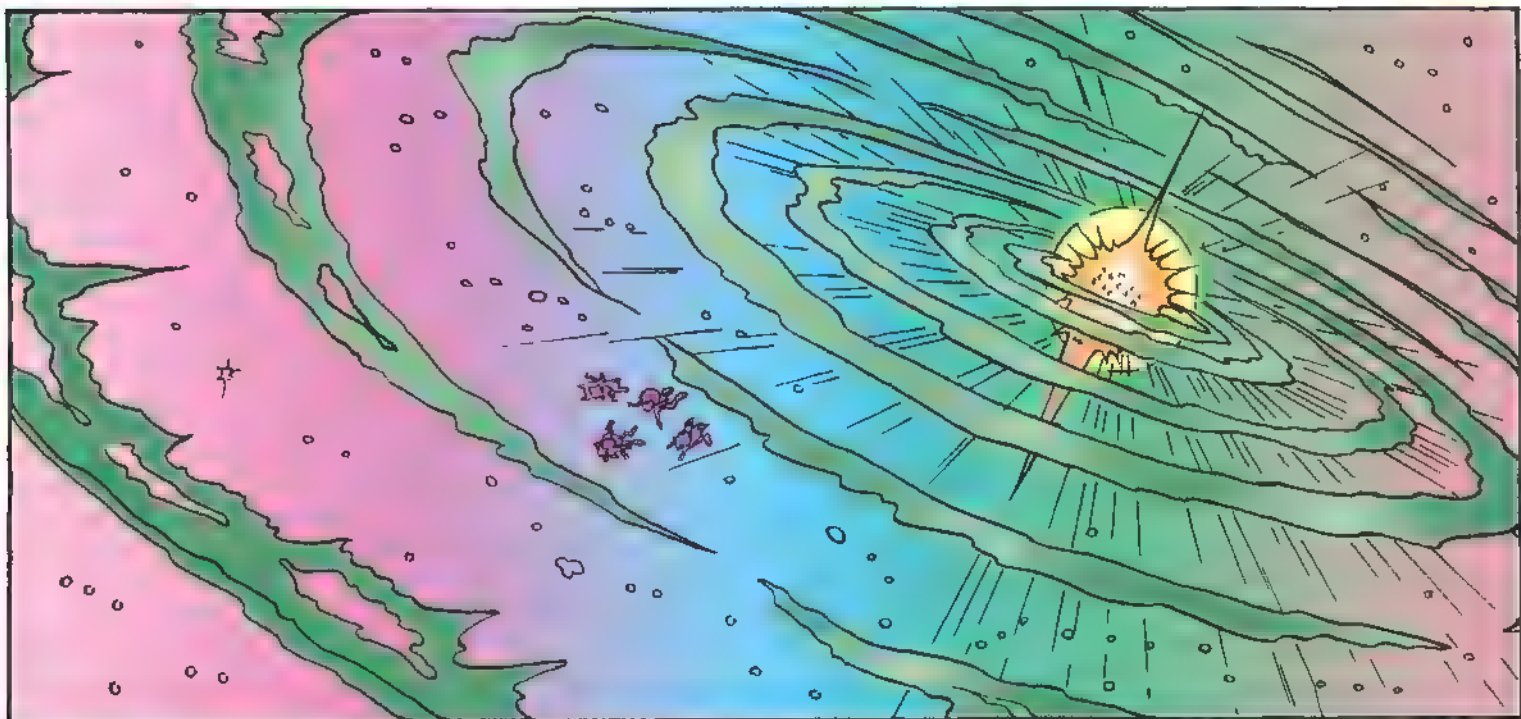
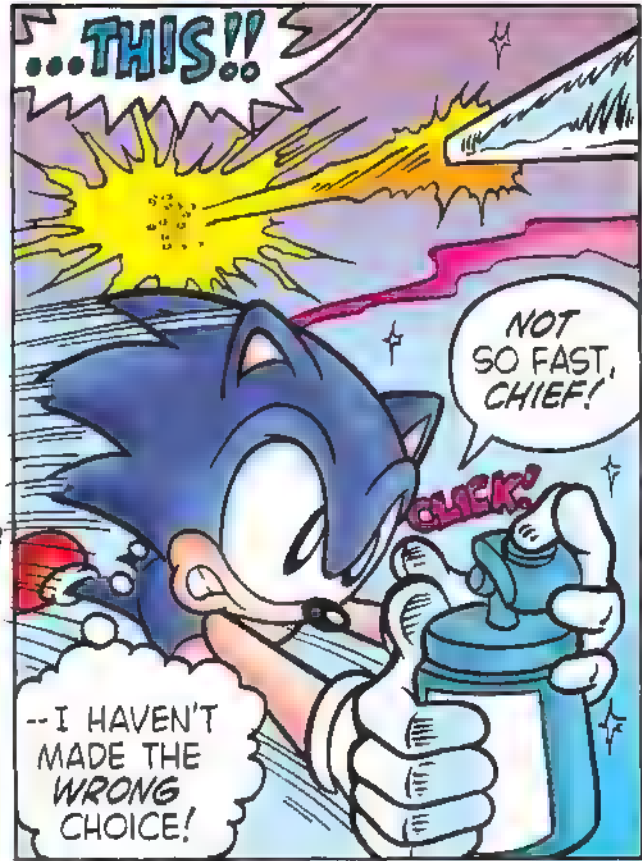
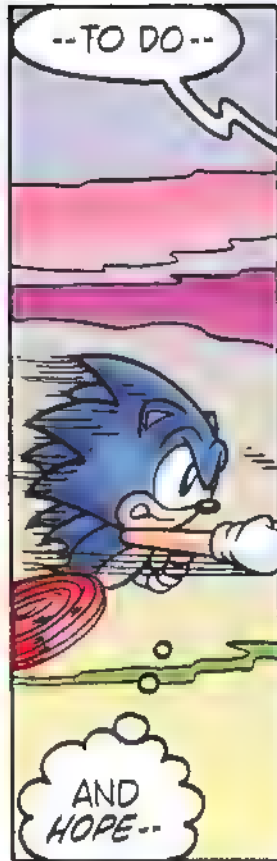
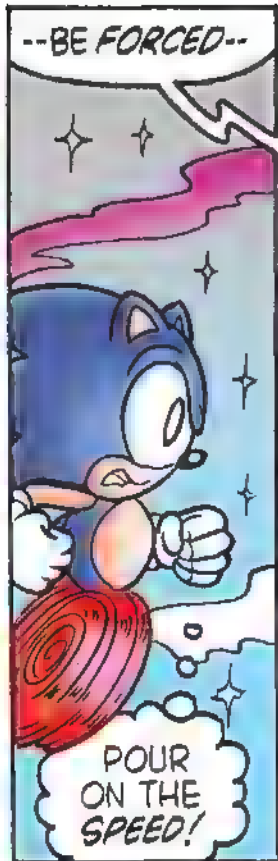
PUT THAT THING DOWN!

WHUMPH!



DADDY!







-- TO FIRE THIS LIFELINE!

POOMPH!

SOMETIMES I WONDER--

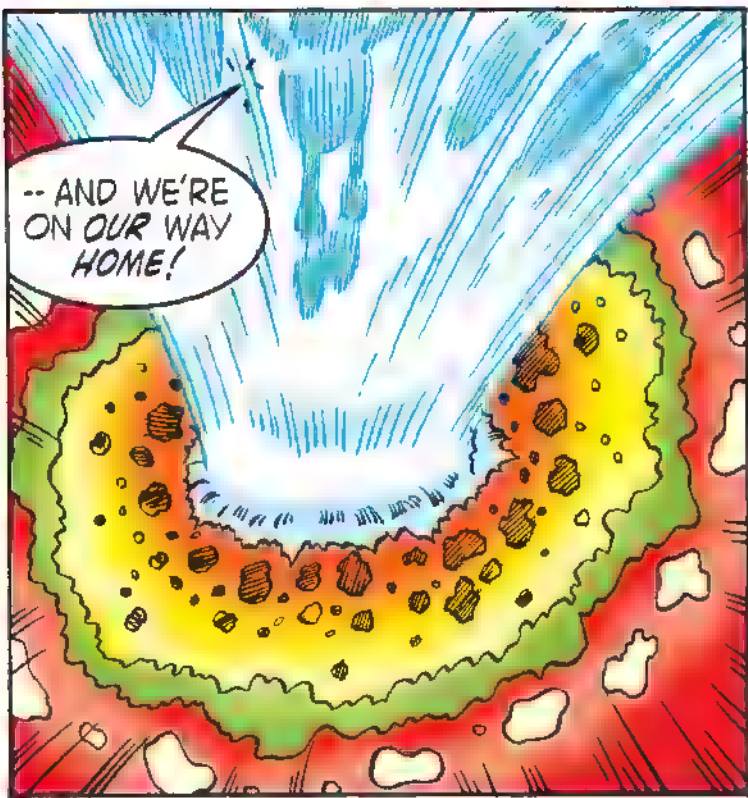


"--WHAT SONIC WOULD DO WITHOUT ME."

HEY!
LOOK!

OUR
TICKET TO
RIDE!

I JUST
GIVE A LITTLE
TUG--



-- AND WE'RE
ON OUR WAY
HOME!



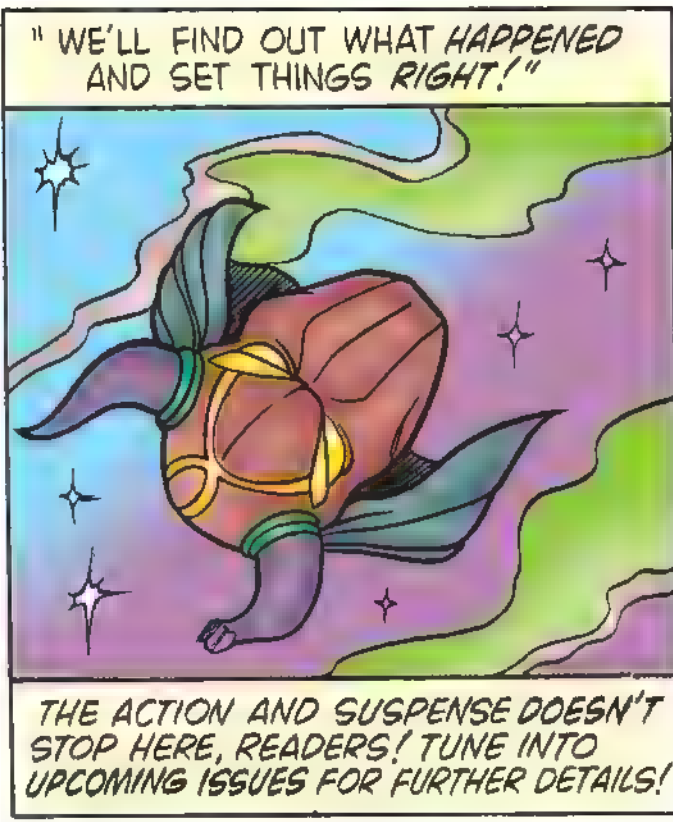
IS
EVERYONE
ALRIGHT?

WE'RE OKAY!
BUT THE KING
ISN'T--



--SO IT'S BACK TO THE
DRAWING BOARD UNTIL
WE FIGURE OUT HOW
TO RESCUE HIM!

AND
WE WILL,
PRINCESS!



" WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED
AND SET THINGS RIGHT!"

THE ACTION AND SUSPENSE DOESN'T
STOP HERE, READERS! TUNE INTO
UPCOMING ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
GNUCKLES™

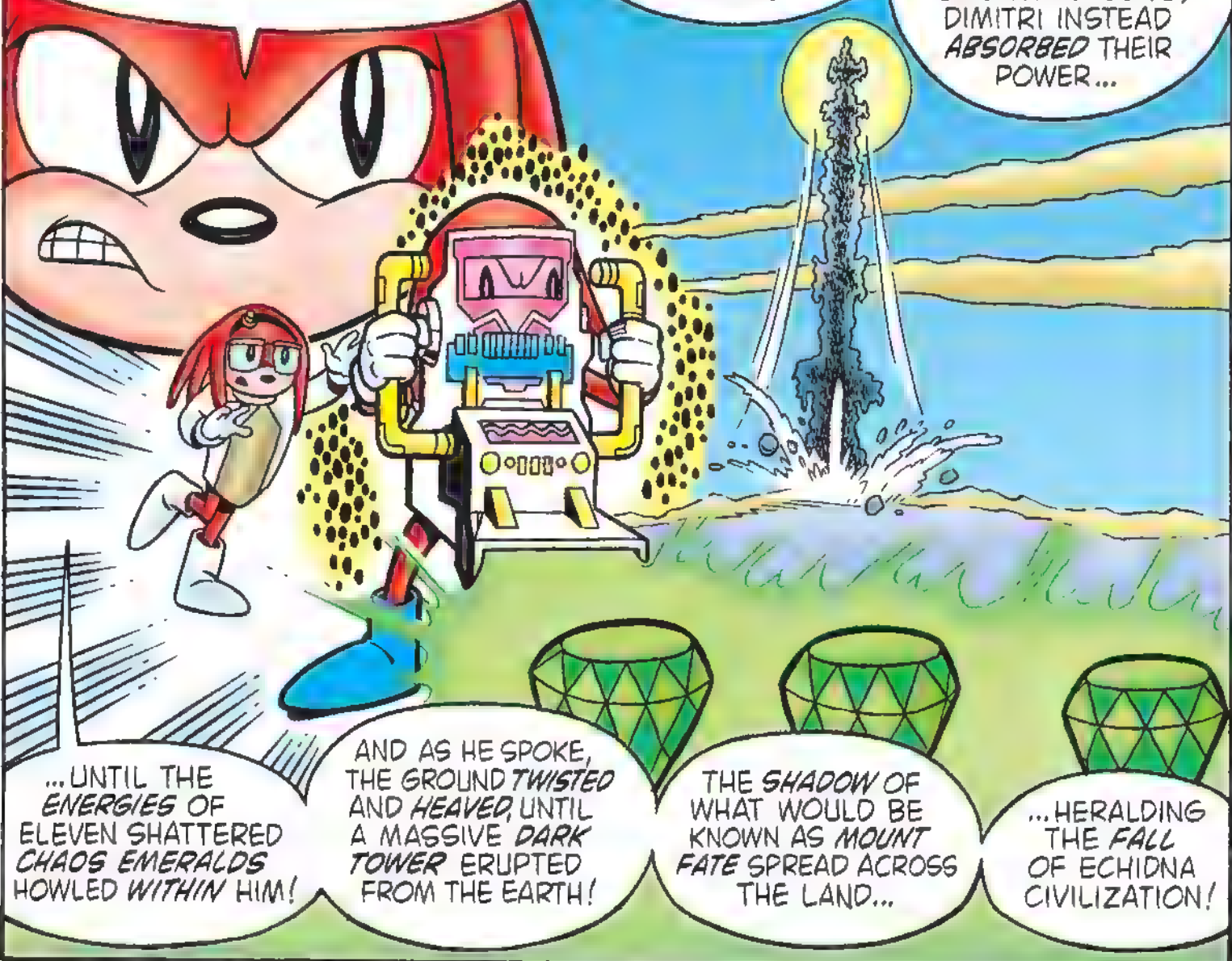
A SENSE OF HISTORY

PART III

EDMUND AND DIMITRI HAD A DREAM-- TO DRAIN THE GEMS WHICH HOLD THE FLOATING ISLAND ALOFT, THAT WE MIGHT AGAIN BECOME ONE WITH THE LAND!

BUT THE DREAM WENT HORRIBLY, TERRIBLY WRONG!

ACTING AGAINST THE WILL OF THE SCIENTIFIC ELITE, DIMITRI INSTEAD ABSORBED THEIR POWER...



...UNTIL THE ENERGIES OF ELEVEN SHATTERED CHAOS EMERALDS HOWLED WITHIN HIM!

AND AS HE SPOKE, THE GROUND TWISTED AND HEAVED, UNTIL A MASSIVE DARK TOWER ERUPTED FROM THE EARTH!

THE SHADOW OF WHAT WOULD BE KNOWN AS MOUNT FATE SPREAD ACROSS THE LAND...

...HERALDING THE FALL OF ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION!

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MY FATHER TOLD ME THIS TALE-- BUT HOW DOES IT CONNECT TO ARCHIMEDES...

...AND THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CHAOTIX?



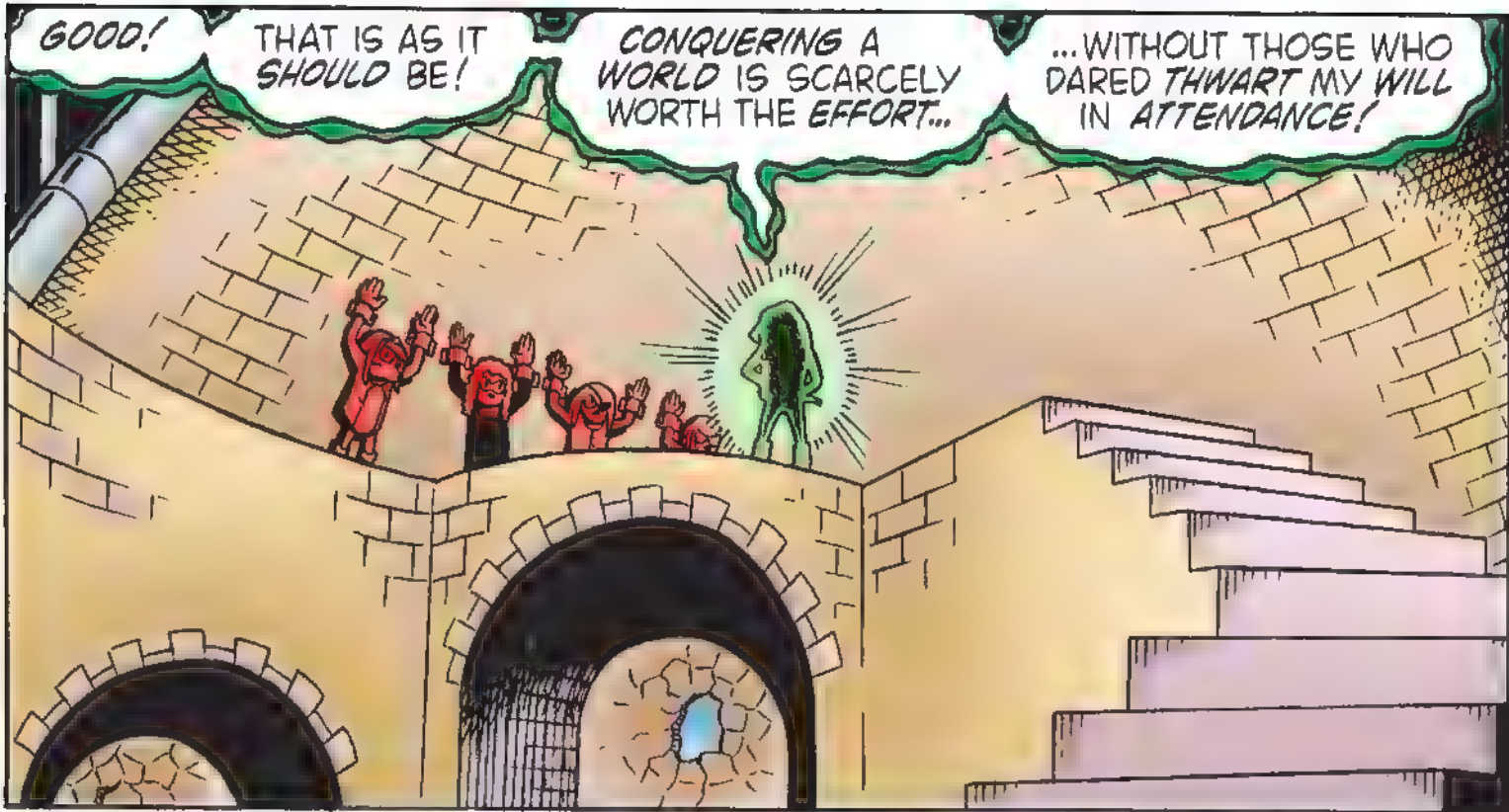
MAYBE THE ANSWERS...

"...LIE IN WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!"



SO...

...YOU AWAKEN!

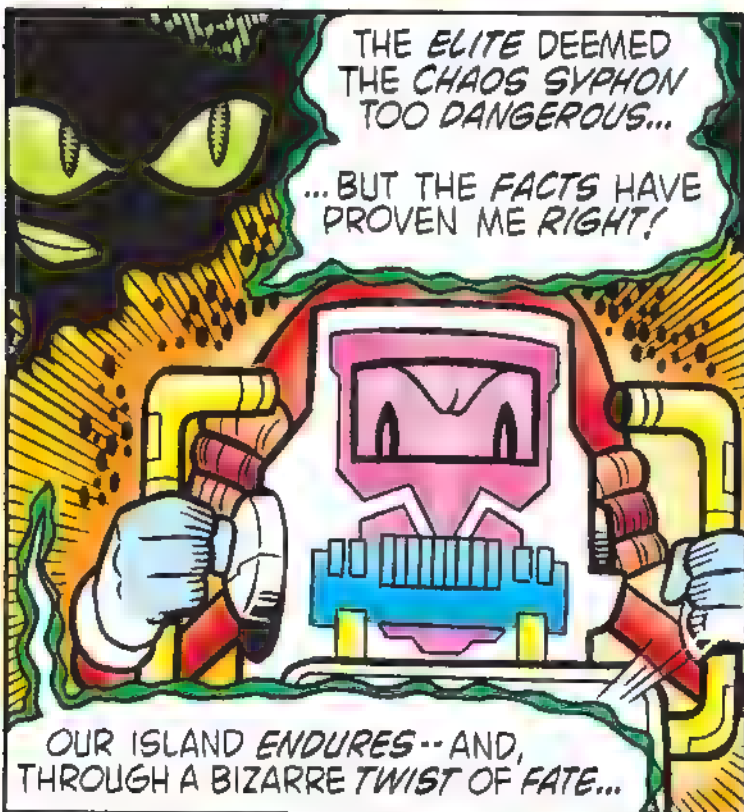


GOOD!

THAT IS AS IT SHOULD BE!

CONQUERING A WORLD IS SCARCELY WORTH THE EFFORT...

...WITHOUT THOSE WHO DARED THWART MY WILL IN ATTENDANCE!



THE ELITE DEEMED THE CHAOS SYPHON TOO DANGEROUS...

...BUT THE FACTS HAVE PROVEN ME RIGHT!

OUR ISLAND ENDURES-- AND, THROUGH A BIZARRE TWIST OF FATE...



...INFINITE ENERGY IS MINE TO COMMAND!



YOUR EGO HAS BETRAYED US, DIMITRI!!

YOU'RE NOT THE BROTHER I KNEW!

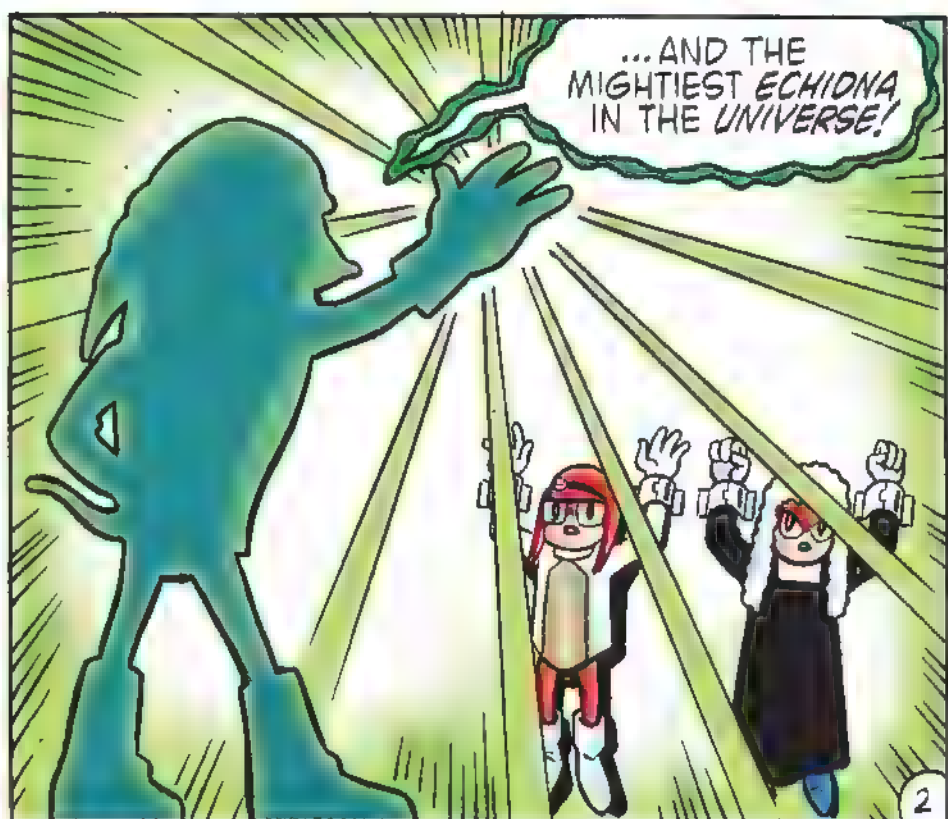


CORRECT, EDMUND!

I AM FAR, FAR MORE!

IMMORTAL... ETERNAL...

A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD...



...AND THE MIGHTIEST ECHIDNA IN THE UNIVERSE!

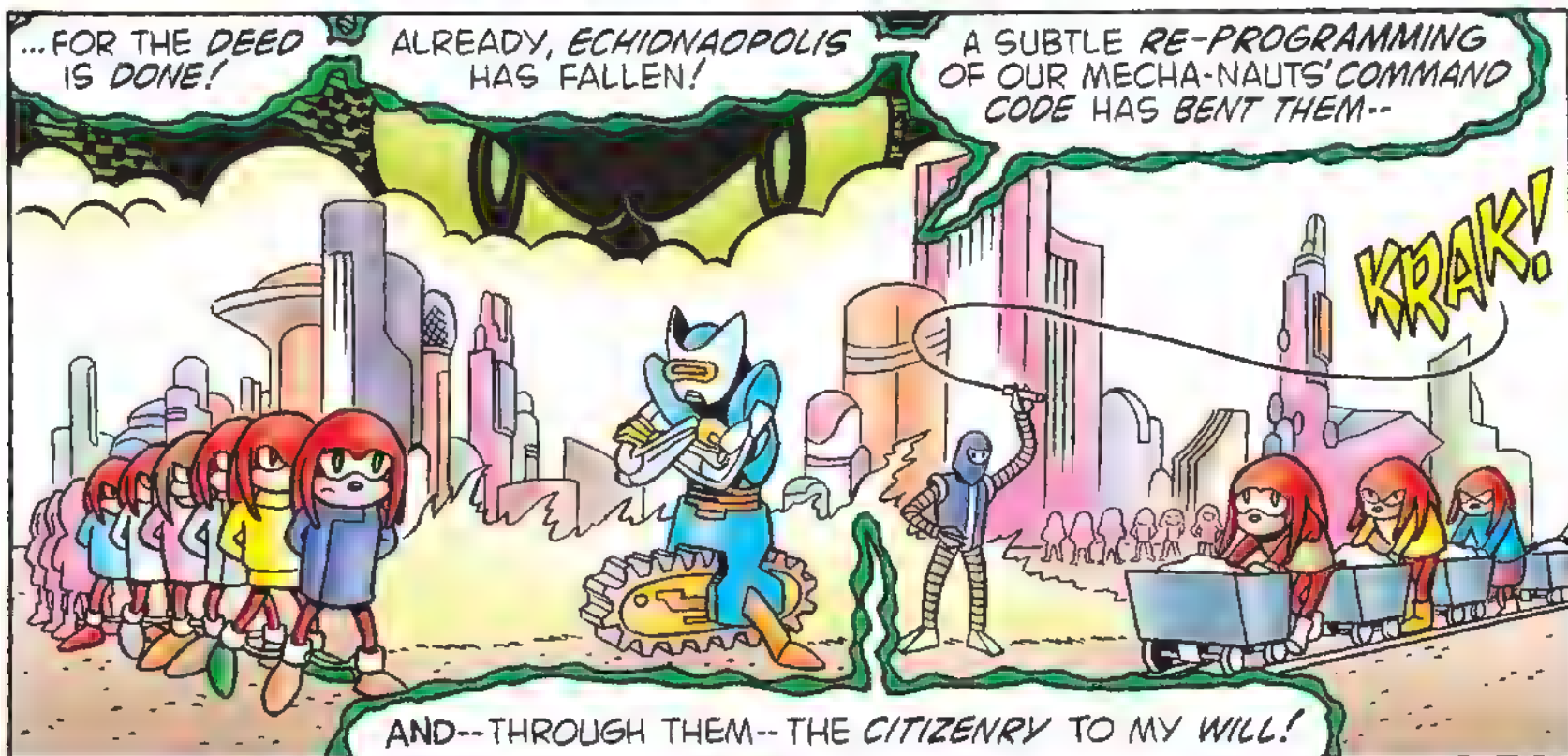


YOUR BROTHER IS MAD WITH POWER-- FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, HE MUST BE STOPPED!



"MAD"? MEN ALWAYS THINK THEIR SUPERIORS MAD!

BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP ME, MAGISTRATE...

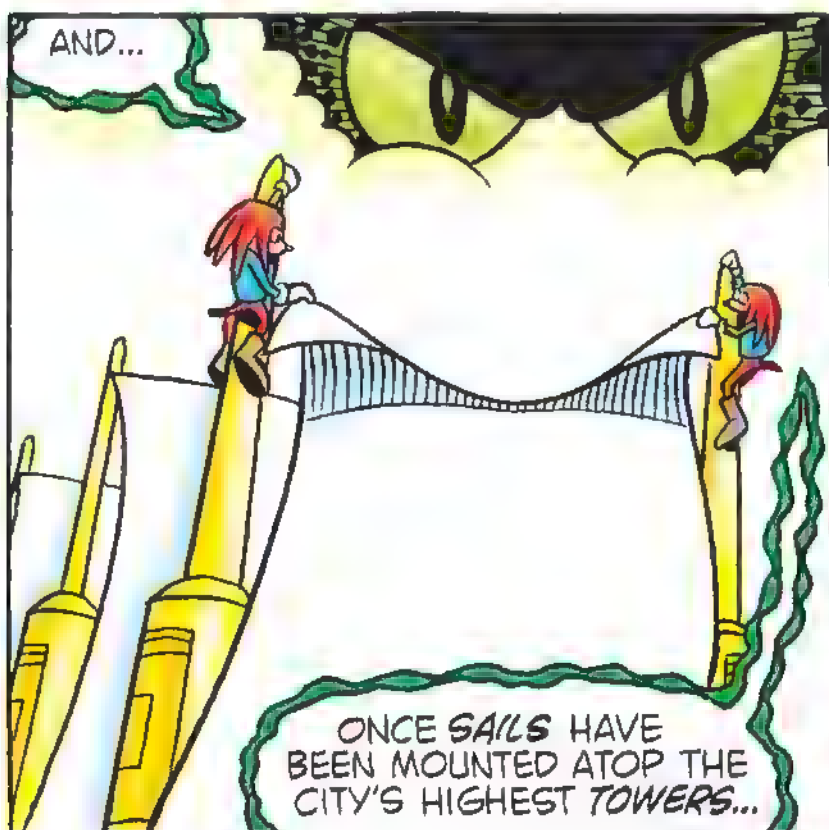


...FOR THE DEED IS DONE!

ALREADY, ECHIONAOPOLIS HAS FALLEN!

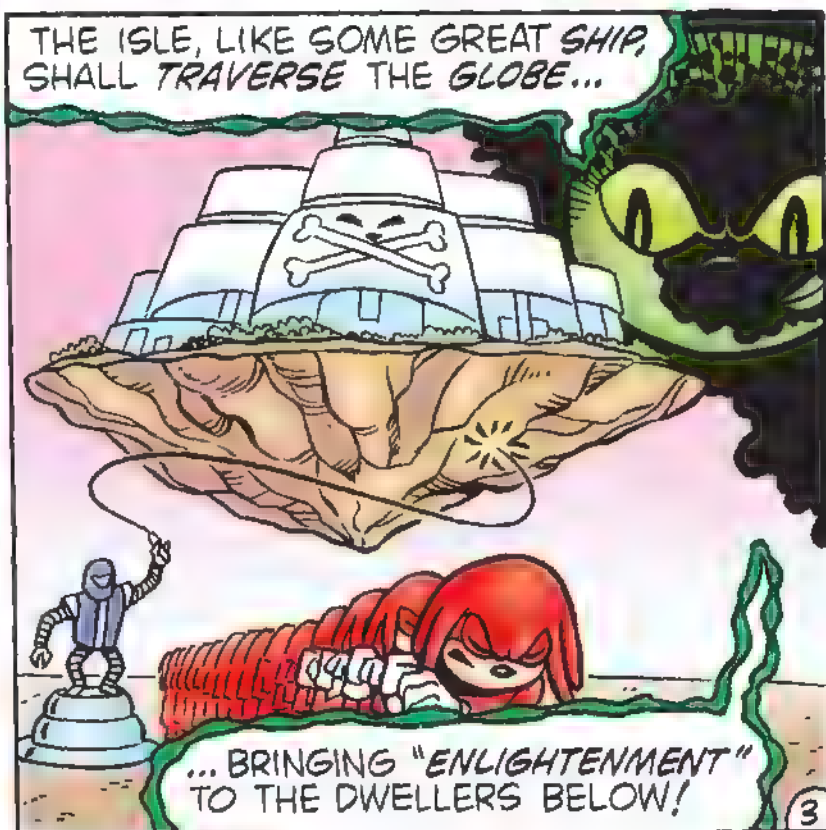
A SUBTLE RE-PROGRAMMING OF OUR MECHA-NAUTS' COMMAND CODE HAS BENT THEM--

AND--THROUGH THEM--THE CITIZENRY TO MY WILL!



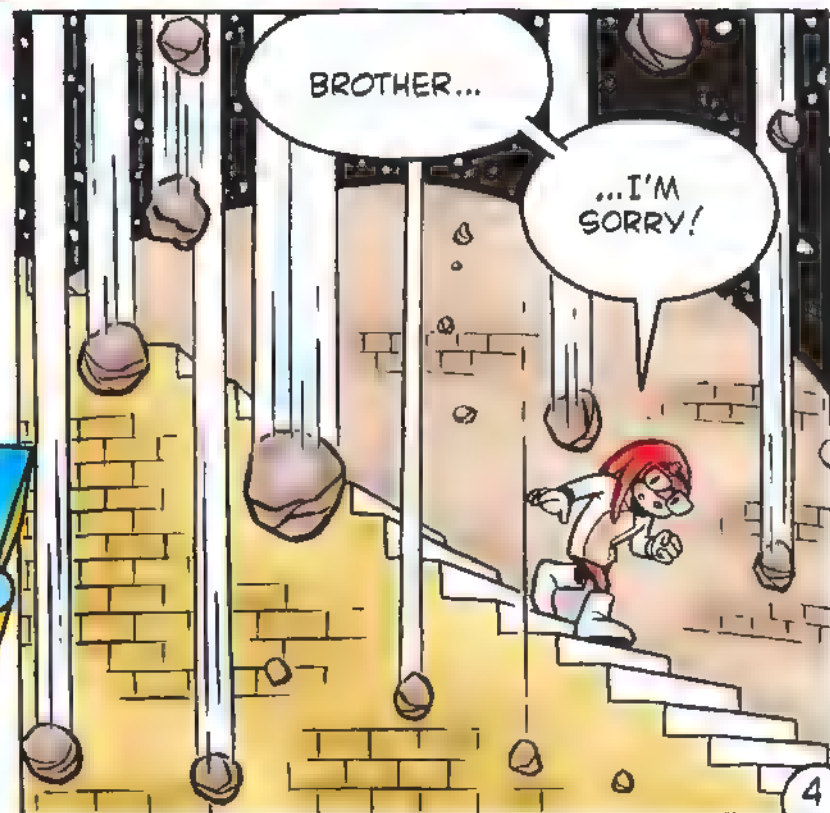
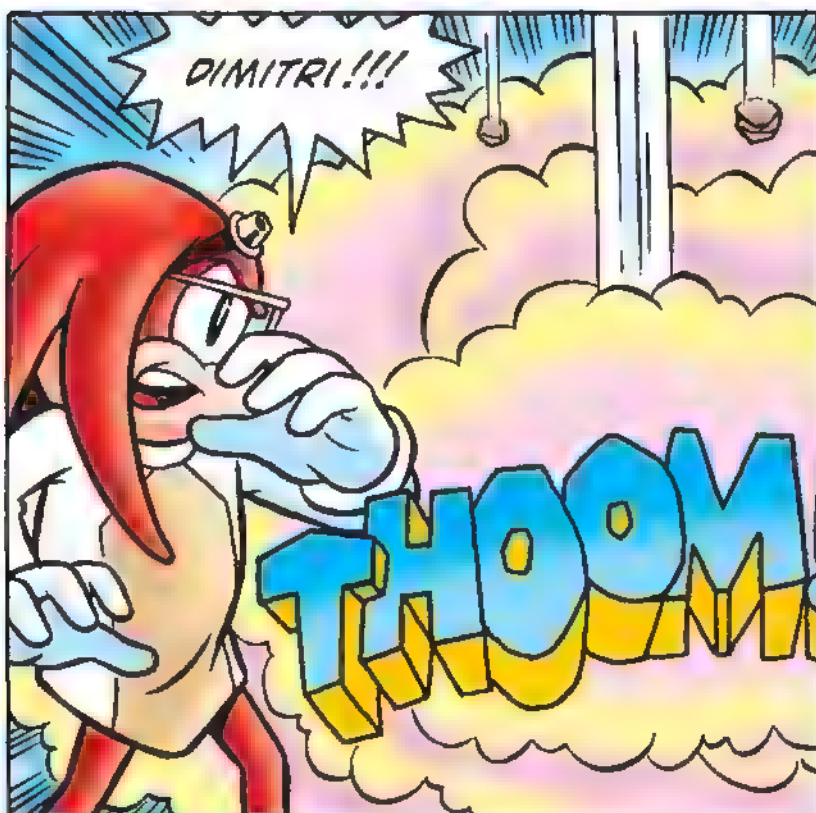
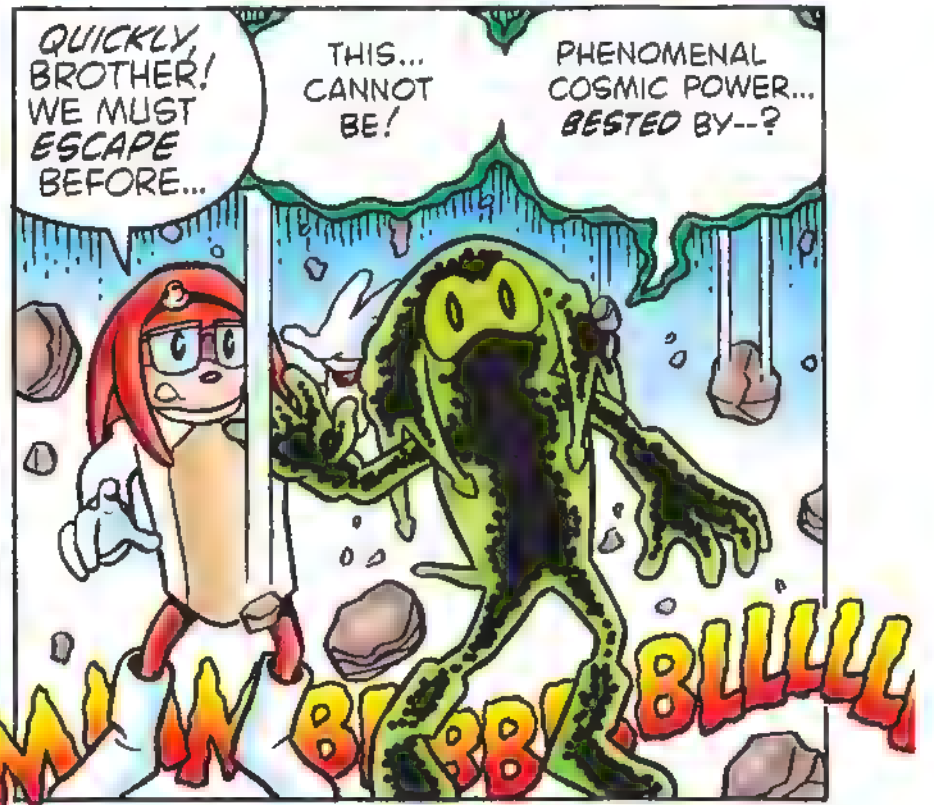
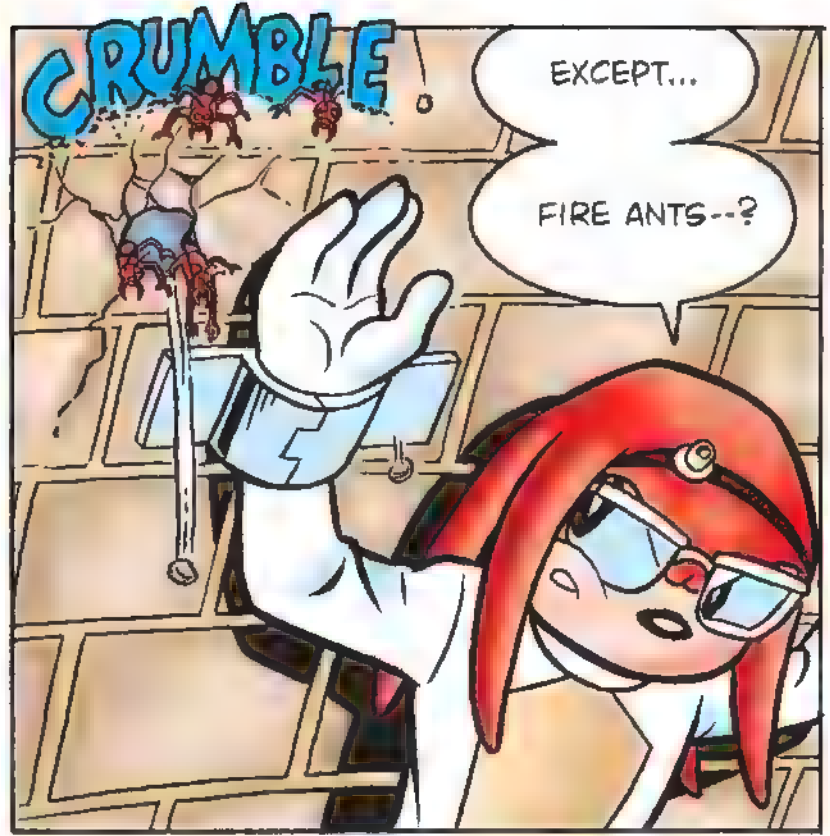
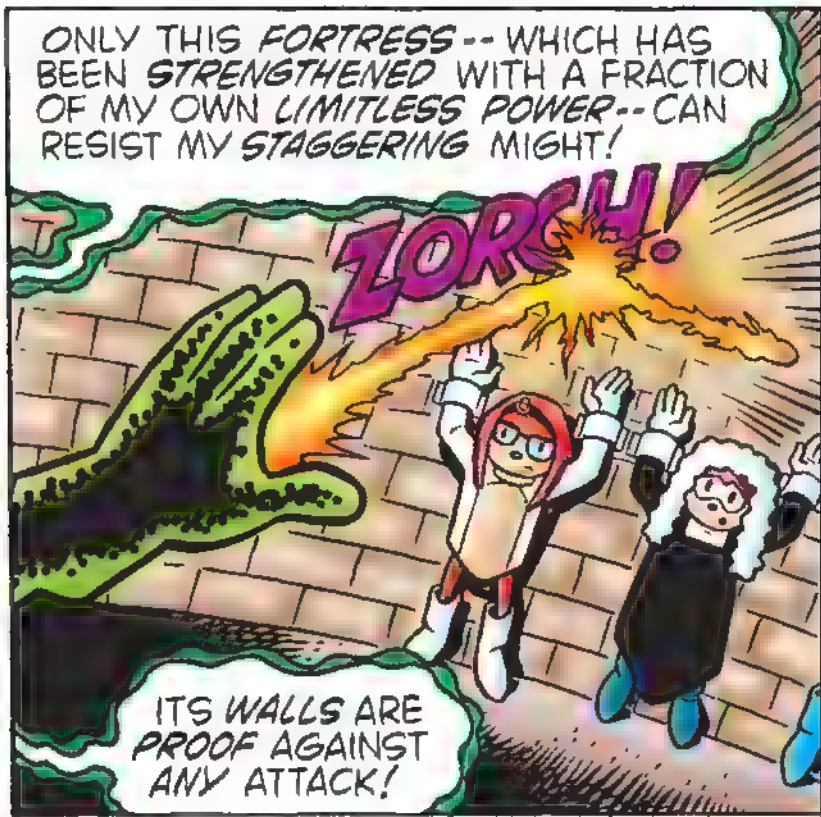
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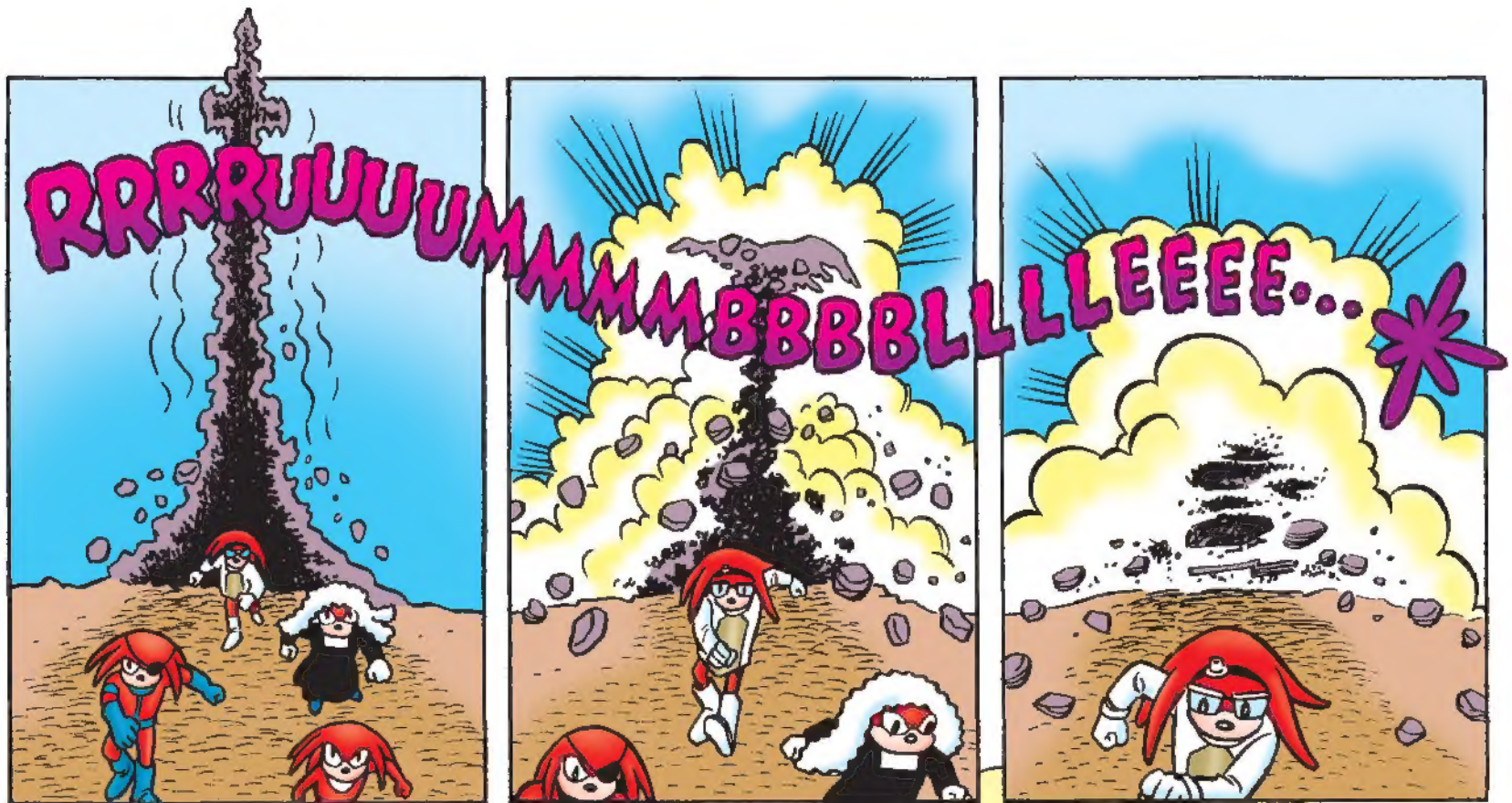
ONCE SAILS HAVE BEEN MOUNTED ATOP THE CITY'S HIGHEST TOWERS...



THE ISLE, LIKE SOME GREAT SHIP, SHALL TRAVERSE THE GLOBE...

...BRINGING "ENLIGHTENMENT" TO THE DWELLERS BELOW!





"GO TO THE ANT, THOU SLUGGARD, CONSIDER HIS WAYS, AND BE WISE!"

IT SEEMS WE OWE OUR VERY FUTURE...

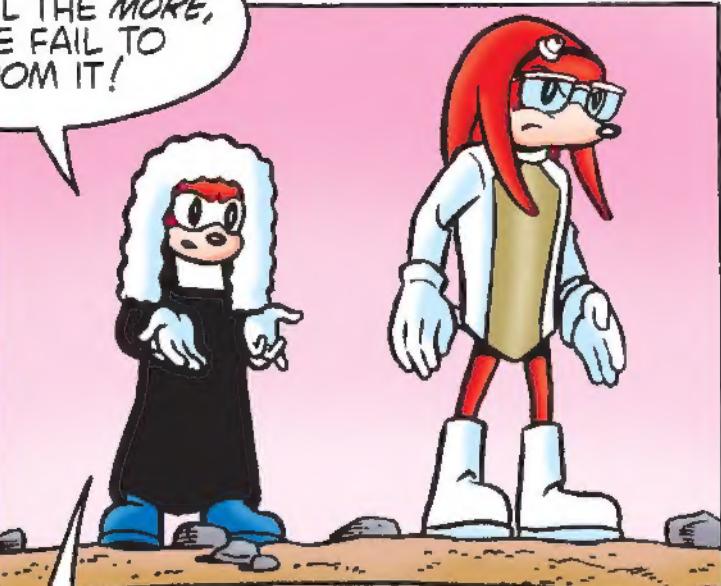
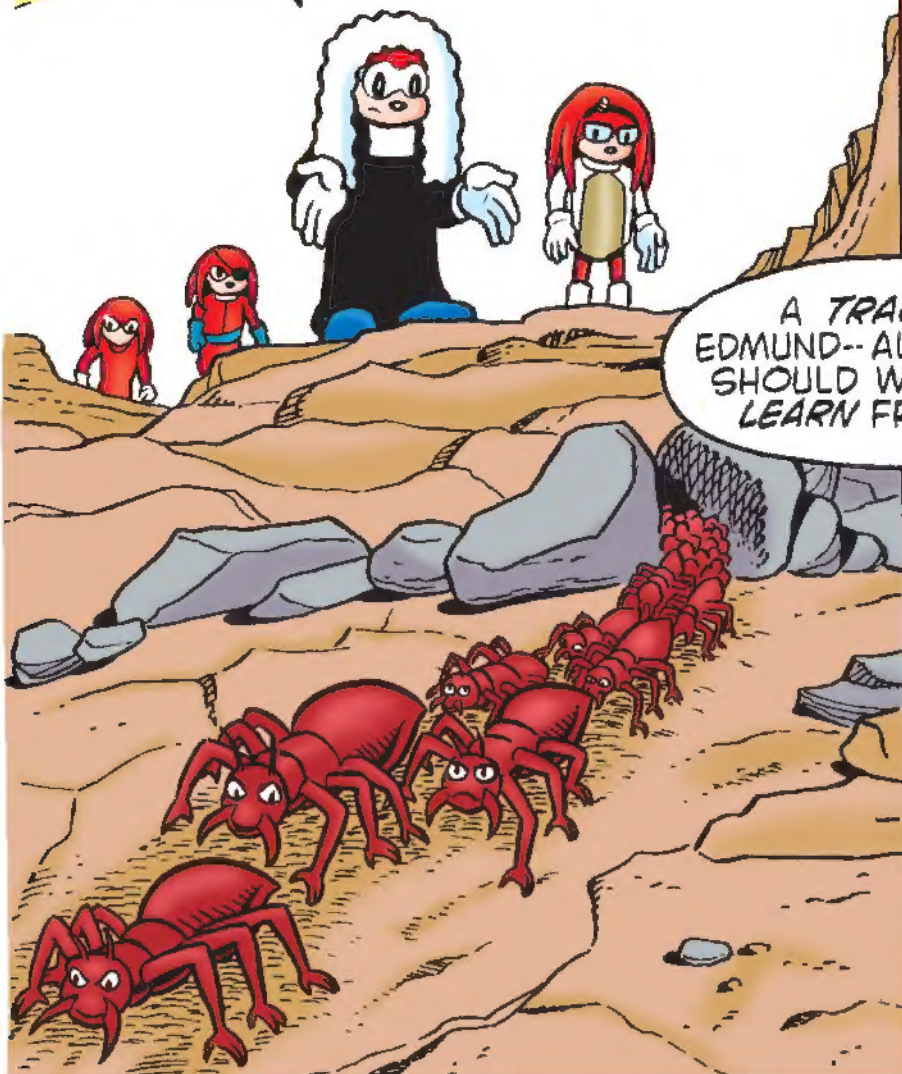
...TO THESE, THE HUMBLEST OF GOD'S CREATURES!

MY BROTHER... NOTHING COULD SPARE HIM FROM HIS FATE!

NOTHING...

...AND NO ONE!

A TRAGEDY, EDMUND-- ALL THE MORE, SHOULD WE FAIL TO LEARN FROM IT!



BY PLACING TRUST IN SCIENCE, OUR RACE HAS COMMITTED AN ACT OF HUBRIS-- ARROGANT PRIDE...

...AND INNOCENCE PAID THE PRICE!

WE MUST MAKE AMENDS...

...AS BEST WE ARE ABLE!

"THUS, IN THE SHADOW OF A FATEFUL MOUNTAIN, MY PEOPLE RENOUNCED TECHNOLOGY..."

"TORE DOWN THEIR CITY..."

KA-BOOM

"AND..."

"TO ENSURE HISTORY NOT REPEAT ITSELF..."

"...APPOINTED A GUARDIAN TO STAND WATCH OVER THE SURVIVING CHAOS EMERALD!"

"EDMUND WAS THE FIRST TO BEAR THAT MANTLE..."

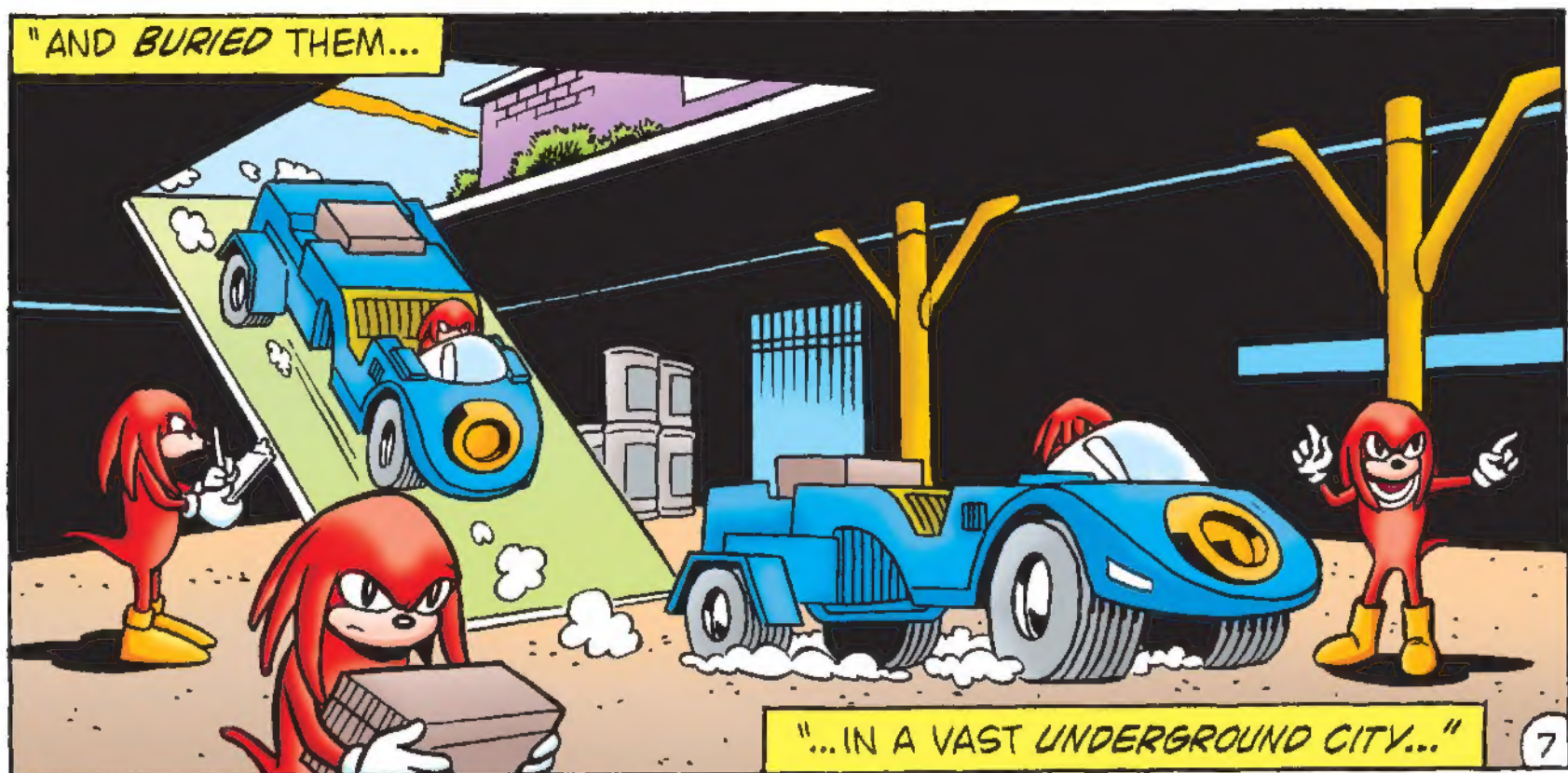
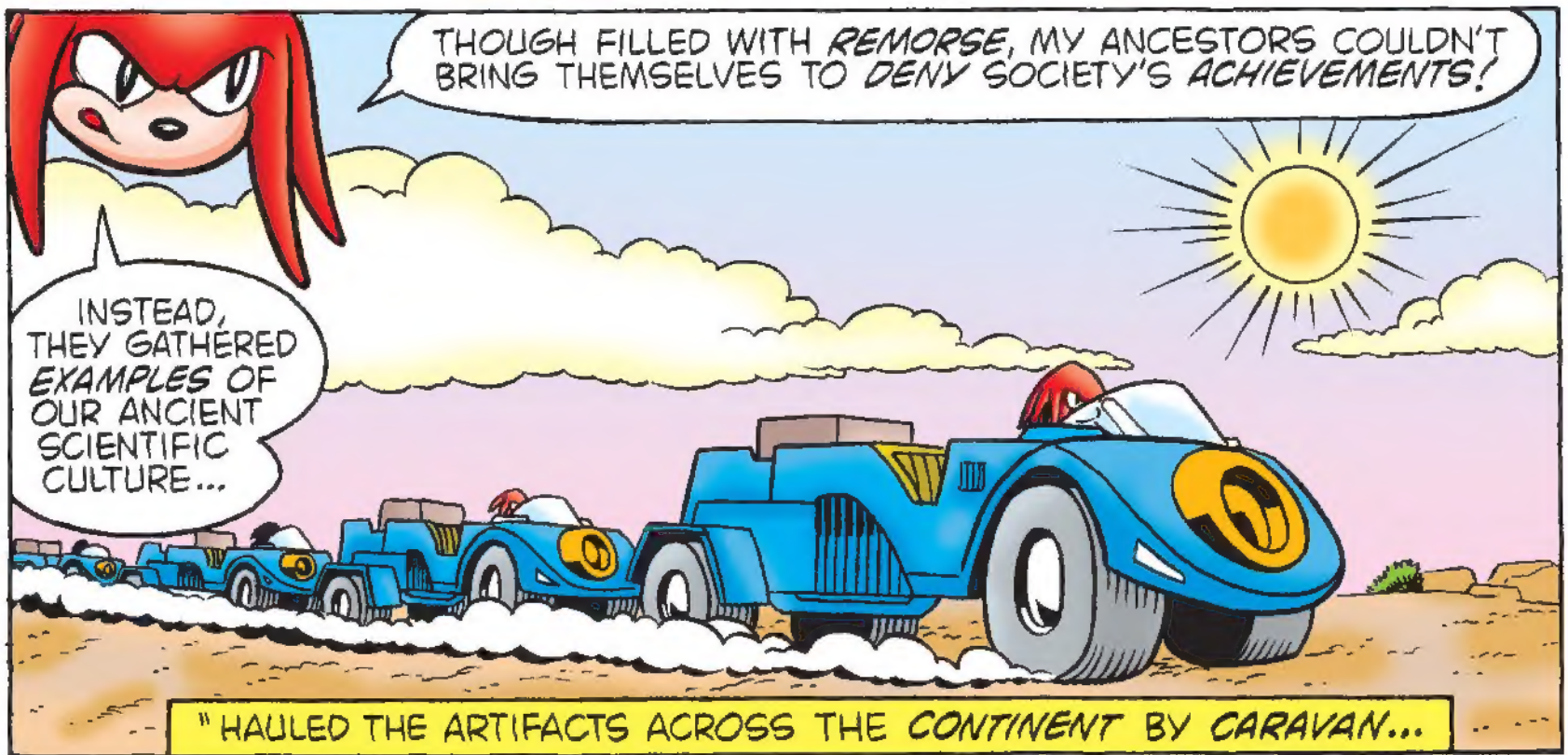
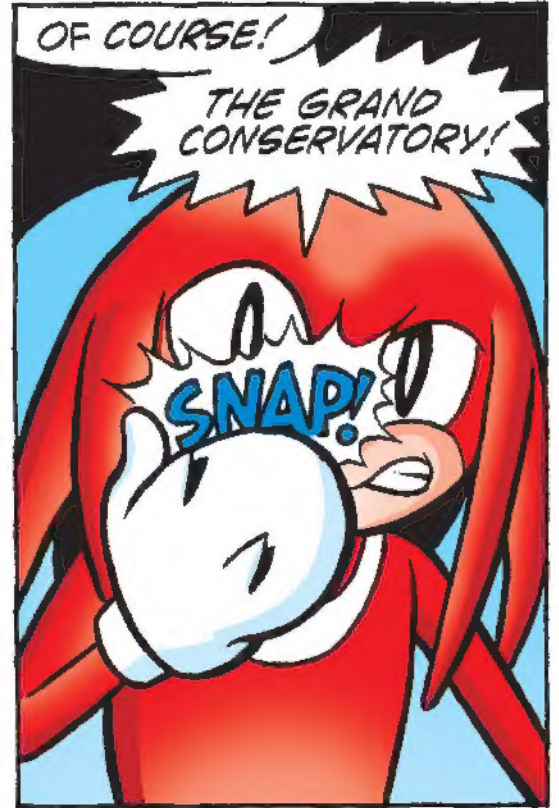
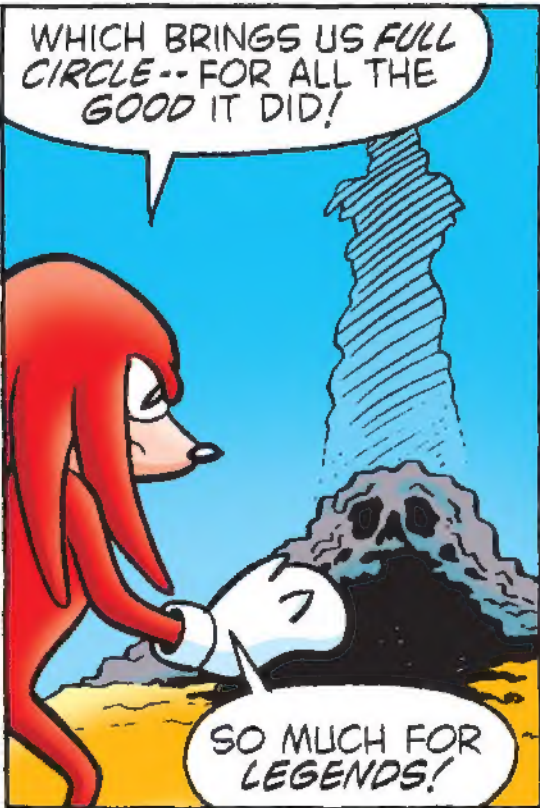
"A SACRED TRUST, PASSED GENERATION UNTO GENERATION..."

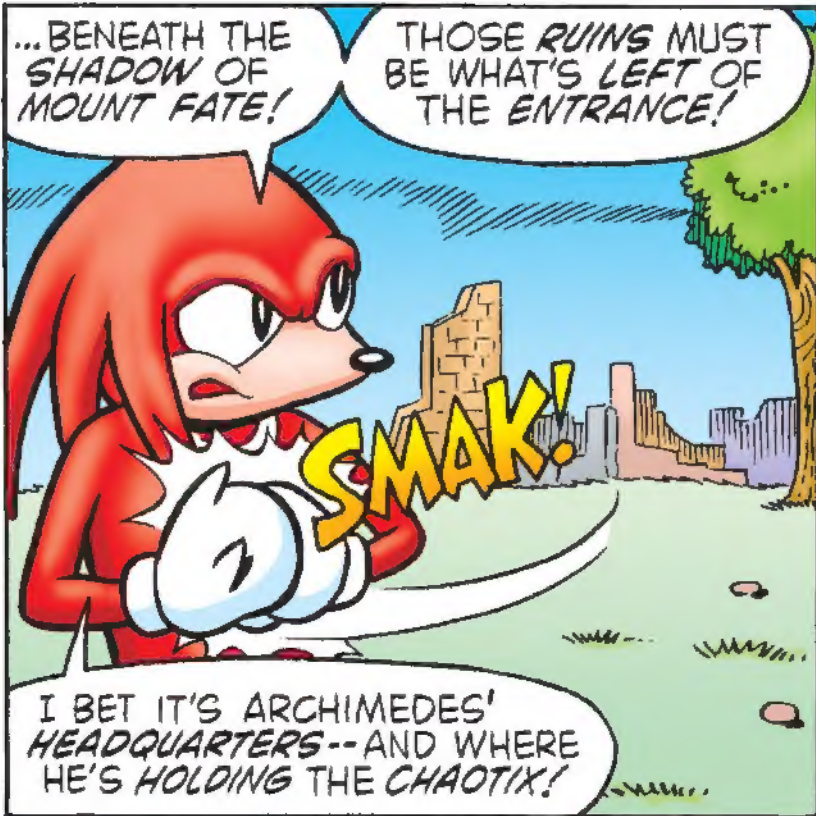
"THROUGH ALL HIS CHILDREN..."

"TO MY FATHER..."

"AND FINALLY..."

"...TO ME!"



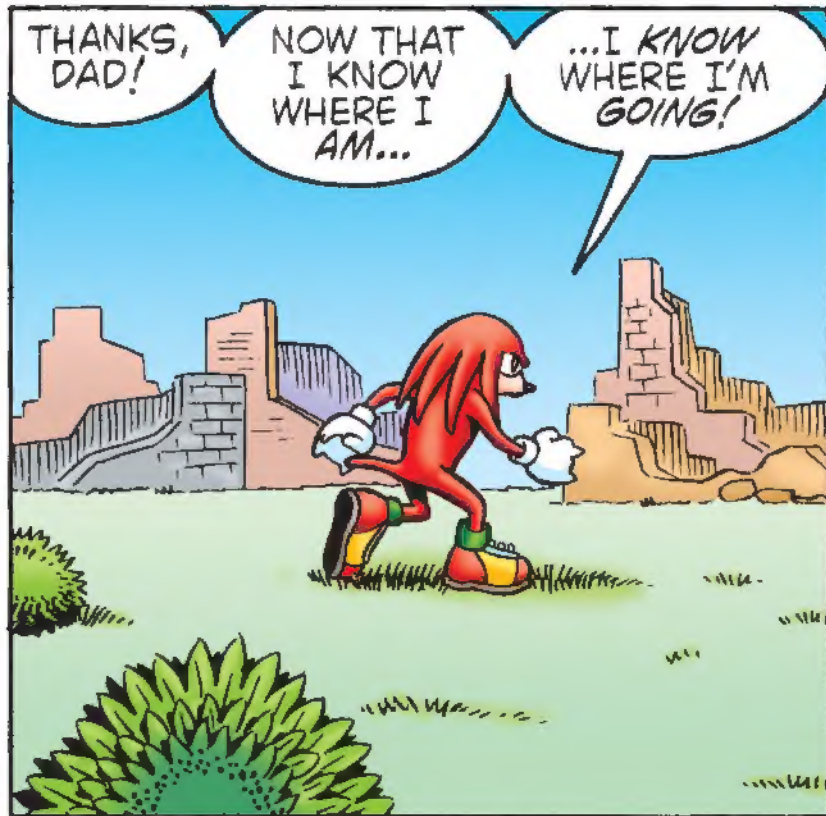


...BENEATH THE SHADOW OF MOUNT FATE!

THOSE RUINS MUST BE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE!

SMACK!

I BET IT'S ARCHIMEDES' HEADQUARTERS--AND WHERE HE'S HOLDING THE CHAOTIX!



THANKS, DAD!

NOW THAT I KNOW WHERE I AM...

...I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING!



LIKE YOU ALWAYS SAID...



"THOSE WHO FAIL TO LEARN THE LESSONS OF HISTORY..."



HAHAHAHAHAHA

...ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT IT!"